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ABSTRACT

This report provides an overview of legislative actions relating to higher education in New Mexico during fiscal year 1997-98. The governor signed into law approximately $485 million in appropriations from the state general fund for the operation of higher education institutions and programs in 1997-98, a decrease of 0.5 percent from the current fiscal year. The legislature supported the priority request of the New Mexico Commission on Higher Education for $2.6 million in additional appropriations to address the workload increases generated by two- and four-year institutional funding formulas, but then cut four-year instruction and general funding by 1 percent, or about $2.6 million. The governor also vetoed a compensation increase of 2 percent for higher education, public schools, and state government. State financial aid experienced some decreases, but on the whole this should not adversely affect students, since total aid expenditures were held flat to the current year. Appended are summaries of New Mexico House and Senate bills affecting higher education that passed or that did not passed. (MDM)

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OVERVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Fiscal Year 1997-98

I. OPERATIONAL FUNDING

The Governor signed into law a total of approximately $485 million in appropriations from state general fund revenues for the operation of higher education institutions and programs in 1997-98. This is a **decrease** of $2.6 million, or 0.5 percent from the current fiscal year.

The major elements of the Commission's recommendations and the legislative actions are summarized below.

Workload Increases. The Legislature supported the Commission's highest priority request for approximately $2.6 million in additional appropriations to address the workload increases generated through the four- and two-year institution funding formulae, but then cut four-year I & G by one percent, which amounts to $2.6 million.

Compensation Increases. The Governor vetoed a compensation increase of 2.0 percent for higher education, public schools and state government.

Two-Year Student Services Formula Revision. Funding was provided for 80 percent of the Commission's proposed formula revision for two-year student services. This level of funding provides some $3.6 million in new resources.

Athletics and Special Projects. Athletics line-items were reduced by five percent from current year levels, and most special projects were reduced by three percent from 1996-97.

Financial Aid. During this legislative session, state student finanical aid experienced some decreases, but on whole, the 1997-98 aid portfolio should not adversely affect students since total aid expenditures were held flat to current year. Where there were decreases in one program, there were corresponding increases in another. Three notable changes to the aid programs included a $92,000 decrease in the Student Choice Program, a 50 percent reduction in the funding support for the Student Child Care Program, and the elimination of the Graduate Student Research Program. The following programs received notable increases in general fund support: Student Incentive Grant, 3% Scholarship, Graduate Scholarship, Health Professional Loan Repayment, and Minority Doctoral Assistance.

The Legislature also passed a number of bills related to student financial assistance which demonstrate their continued support for college bound students:

Lottery Tuition Fund Distribution (SB 168) - appropriates money in the Lottery Tuition Fund to the Commission for distribution to eligible New Mexico public colleges and universities beginning July 1, 1997. Scholarship distributions for 1997-98 are expected to total approximately $5 million.

Education Trust Act (HB 563) - provides New Mexico families with a state tax-free opportunity to invest in their child's future college education via a College Investment Agreement or through a Prepaid Tuition Contract. HB 563 includes provisions similar to SB 677, which also passed, providing $100,000 in funding for the Commission to conduct a thorough feasibility study for the creation of a prepaid higher education tuition program.

Amend WICHE Program (SB 1115) - changes the current WICHE Student Exchange Program from a grant program to a loan-for-service program and provides that the program be administered by the Commission. Two appropriations are contained in the bill: (1) $70,000 of Nursing Loan-for-Service collections, to the CHE, for costs associated with administering the program and to provide support fees, if necessary, and (2) $400,000 in general fund to the University of New Mexico to augment the HB 2 appropriation of $1,320,000 (GF and OSF) for student exchange support fees. Appropriations will be sufficient to meet financial commitments to continuing exchange students but will not meet the financial obligations of new participants in the 1997-98 year.

Student Financial Aid Study (HJM 29) - requests that the Commission work with New Mexico's colleges and universities in reviewing the existing state financial aid programs in order to make recommendation for modifications to the aid portfolio.

"Discretionary" Appropriations. The Legislature continued its support of the "discretionary" funds it established in 1994. Each school received the same level of funding as in the current year: $134,300 for each four-year institution and $44,700 for each two-year institution.

Commission Operating Budget and Flow-Through Programs. The Commission received an appropriation of $1,361,600 for continued operation of the agency, a reduction of three percent in general fund support from the current year. Funding for 22.0 permanent FTE and 2.0 term FTE was provided.

In addition to the agency operating budget, the Commission received appropriations of $1,828,100 for Small Business Development Centers, $698,400 for the Math, Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA) program, and $58,600 for the Working to Learn program.

A comparison of the Legislative appropriations relative to the Commission's priority listing is found on page 4. The 1997-98 general fund appropriations for each program and institution are summarized on the table found on pages 5 through 9 of this document.

II. CAPITAL FUNDING

The New Mexico House of Representatives enacted one major bill (House Bill 23) which contained appropriations for various capital projects throughout the state of New Mexico. Overall, the House appropriated a total of $26.3 million in Severance Tax Bonds for approximately 223 separate projects.

House Bill 23 contained approximately $5.3 million for several of new Mexico's post-secondary education institutions and constitutional schools (see page 10). Of this amount, $3,283,750 was appropriated to the Infrastructure Renovation and Expansion project which was the Commission's highest priority.

House Bill 23 was enacted by the full House of Representatives, but was unfortunately stalled from further action due to a fillibuster on the floor of the New Mexico Senate, approximately one hour before adjournment of the 1997 Legislative Session. This fillibuster also prohibited the Senate from adding capital projects to the bill. (The table listing the specific higher education projects which were included in both the House and the Senate amendments will be distributed at the April 24,-1997 Commission meeting.)

III. OTHER LEGISLATION

Western Governors University. Within the NM Department of Finance and Administration section, the General Appropriations Act of 1997 includes the $100,000 one-time dues for New Mexico's participation in the Western Governors University. During 1997-98 the Commission will continue to coordinate this effort on behalf of the Governor.

Advanced Placement. Contained within the Education Appropriation Act (SB 100), is a $150,000 general fund appropriation to the Commission on Higher Education for statewide advanced placement programs administered by New Mexico Highlands University.

A complete summary of legislation considered during the legislative sessions relating to higher education begins on page 11. This summary is divided into sections containing information about legislation which was sent to the Governor for signature and other bills which were considered by the Legislature, but not adopted.

COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
SUMMARY
HIGHER EDUCATION BUDGET: 1997-98
(NEW GENERAL FUND DOLLARS IN MILLIONS)

	CHE	LFC	EXEC	FINAL
I & G WORKLOAD INCREASES	2.55	2.55	2.26	(0.01)
I & G NON-FORMULA ADJ.	(3.67)	(2.55)	(3.67)	(3.06)
COMPENSATION (1% = $4.28)	12.83 @ 3.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00
FINANCIAL AID GROWTH	1.89	0.00	0.00	0.00
BRR INCREASE	2.95 @ 32%	(0.63)* @ 23%	1.57 @ 28.5	(0.31) @ 23%
EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	1.22 @ 37.5%	0.00 @ 31.3%	0.34 @ 33	0.00 @ 31.3%
EXTENDED SERVICES FORMULA	2.64	0.00	0.79	0.00
TWO-YEAR STUDENT SERVICES	4.45	2.51	1.23	3.56
SYSTEMS DEVEL. FUND	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.00
TUITION CREDIT ADJUSTMENT (1% = $0.82)	(2.59) 3.0% 4-YR 3.0% 2-YR 10.0% MED	0.00	(2.59) 3.0% 4-YR 3.0% 2-YR 10.0% MED	0.00
INFLATION ADJUSTMENTS (1% = $1.20)	4.00 @3 & 7.3%	0.00	0.00	0.00
NON-FORMULA PROGRAMS	4.86	1.48	0.07	(2.80)
TOTAL INCREASES	31.48	3.36	0.00	(2.63)

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* Additional credit was taken for land and permanent fund income

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	Final 1996-97 Approp.	CHE Recommendation FY 1997-98	EXEC Recommendation FY 1997-98	LFC Recommendation FY 1997-98	FINAL Action FY 1997-98	FINAL +/(-) FY 1996-97
NEW MEXICO INST. OF MINING & TECH.						
Instruction and General	$16,779.9	$17,383.2	$17,084.8	$17,021.0	$16,869.9	$90.0
Athletics	134.5	135.3	134.5	134.5	127.8	(6.7)
Extended Service Instruction	42.7	67.7		26.6	26.6	(16.1)
Geophysical Research	645.7	646.4		645.7	626.3	(19.4)
Bureau of Mines	3,253.6	3,274.0		3,253.6	3,156.0	(97.6)
Petroleum Recovery Research	1,467.9	1,603.3		1,467.9	1,423.9	(44.0)
Bureau of Mine Inspection	255.0	256.2		255.0	247.4	(7.6)
Energetic Materials Research	459.2	489.0		399.5	387.5	(71.7)
Science & Engineering Fair	75.0	75.9		70.5	68.4	(6.6)
Phillips Lab Tech. Transfer	0.0	20.6		0.0	0.0	0.0
Special Programs – Lump Sum	N/A	N/A	6,025.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total NMIMT	$23,113.5	$23,951.6	$23,244.7	$23,274.3	$22,933.8	($179.7)
NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY						
Instruction and General	$77,786.7	$79,041.9	$77,945.9	$78,099.6	$77,318.6	($468.1)
Athletics	2,574.6	2,617.6	2,574.6	2,574.6	2,445.9	(128.7)
Educational Television	946.2	950.1		946.2	917.8	(28.4)
Extended Service Instruction	225.8	425.1		251.7	251.7	25.9
Alamogordo	4,694.6	4,806.2	4,571.6	4,763.8	4,711.7	17.1
Carlsbad	2,674.0	2,836.5	2,711.6	2,801.6	2,776.3	102.3
Dona Ana	6,758.5	7,163.9	6,887.7	7,107.3	7,054.4	295.9
Grants	1,860.8	2,110.5	1,945.4	2,061.0	2,024.5	163.7
Department of Agriculture	5,786.0	5,592.1		5,536.0	5,369.9	(416.1)
Agric Experiment Station	9,810.2	9,874.6		9,810.2	9,515.9	(294.3)
Coop Extension Service	7,282.1	7,534.5		7,282.1	7,063.6	(218.5)
Expanded Food/Nutrition - CES	0.0	($175.0 in CES)		100.0	100.0	100.0
Water Resources Research	407.1	407.4		354.2	343.6	(63.5)
Border Research Institute	0.0	0.0		150.0	0.0	0.0
Indian Resource Development	358.6	365.8		358.6	347.8	(10.8)
Coord. of Mexico Prog./ Int'l Bus.	103.2	104.1		103.2	100.1	(3.1)
Mfg. Sector Devlpmt. Program	397.4	403.1		345.7	335.4	(62.0)
Waste Mgmt. Ed/Res Cons. (WERC)	518.6	520.7		451.2	437.6	(81.0)
Spanish Language Curriculum	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic Leadership Program	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Carlsbad Mfg. Sector Develop Prog.	500.0	509.9		435.0	422.0	(78.0)
Alliance for Underrep. Students	300.0	307.2		300.0	300.0	0.0
Campus Security	0.0	0.0		100.0	97.0	97.0
Special Programs – Lump Sum	N/A	N/A	25,888.1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total NMSU	$122,984.4	$125,571.2	$122,524.9	$123,932.0	$121,933.8	($1,050.6)
UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO						
Instruction and General	$117,036.1	$118,291.7	$116,884.4	$116,263.1	$115,395.8	($1,640.3)
Athletics	2,525.1	2,579.3	2,525.1	2,525.1	2,398.8	(126.3)
Educational Television	1,141.2	1,154.1		1,141.2	1,107.0	(34.2)
Extended Service Instruction	1,182.8	2,695.5		1,325.6	1,325.6	142.8
Taos Off-Campus Center	463.8	593.2		558.8	558.8	95.0
Youth Leadership Development	99.0	102.6		99.0	96.0	(3.0)
Gallup	6,590.8	7,274.1	6,953.2	7,182.3	7,115.0	524.2
Los Alamos	1,462.0	1,565.7	1,430.4	1,552.9	1,519.8	57.8
Valencia	2,801.9	2,915.7	2,817.4	2,894.4	2,875.5	73.6
Substance Abuse Program	169.6	171.7		169.6	169.6	0.0
Student Exchange Program	2,125.9	2,321.5		2,062.1	1,031.1	(1,094.8)
Judicial Selection	64.5	65.1		64.5	62.6	(1.9)
Southwest Research Center	983.1	986.0		983.1	953.6	(29.5)
Native American Intervention	265.5	266.7		265.5	257.5	(8.0)
Community Based Education	453.4	453.7		385.4	453.4	0.0
Resource Geographic Info. Sys.	146.4	147.3		137.6	137.6	(8.8)
Natural Heritage Program	104.9	105.5		91.3	88.5	(16.4)
Southwest Indian Law Clinic	87.5	88.1		84.9	82.3	(5.2)
BBER-Census & Population Anal.	54.4	55.0		54.4	54.4	0.0
Judicial Education Center	218.0	224.6		218.0	211.5	(6.5)

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New Mexico Historical Review	106.2	107.1		92.4	89.6	(16.6)
Ibero-American Ed. Consortium	236.2	237.8		186.2	180.6	(55.6)
Youth Educ. Recreation Program	206.4	157.9		156.4	156.4	(50.0)
Advanced Materials Research	75.0	75.3		75.0	72.8	(2.2)
Mfg. Engineering Program	189.8	190.7		161.3	189.8	0.0
Hispanic Student Center	151.7	152.9		132.0	128.0	(23.7)
Off. of Int'l. Tech. Coop.	119.8	120.1		69.8	69.8	(50.0)
Spanish Resource Center	123.2	126.8		107.2	104.0	(19.2)
Wildlife Law Education	60.4	60.7		56.8	55.1	(5.3)
Women's Career Development	15.0	15.3		15.0	14.6	(0.4)
Morrissey Hall Research	50.0	51.8		50.0	48.5	(1.5)
Minority Grad. Rec. & Retention	200.0	200.6		188.0	182.4	(17.6)
Exceptional Grad. Recruit. & Retention	0.0	200.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Graduate Student Research (*)	0.0	250.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Service Learning Center	0.0	50.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Special Programs – Lump Sum	N/A	N/A	9,229.9	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total UNM	$139,509.6	$144,054.1	$139,840.4	$139,348.9	$137,186.0	($2,323.6)
(*) $250.0 was included in I & G for 1996-97						
EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY						
Instruction and General	$18,550.1	$18,633.4	$18,341.0	$18,288.4	$18,105.5	($444.6)
Athletics	1,400.0	1,420.7	1,400.0	1,400.0	1,330.0	(70.0)
Educational Television	894.2	901.4		894.2	867.4	(26.8)
Extended Service Instruction	353.8	655.7		376.4	376.4	22.6
Ruidoso Off-Campus Center	335.4	347.4		333.3	333.3	(2.1)
Roswell	7,225.9	7,217.0	6,985.5	7,100.0	7,061.9	(164.0)
Extended Serv. Instr.-Roswell	79.5	159.9		70.4	70.4	(9.1)
Center for Teaching Excellence	262.7	267.2		246.9	239.5	(23.2)
Blackwater Draw (Site & Museum)	98.4	137.0		98.4	95.4	(3.0)
Assessment Project	151.8	153.0		151.8	147.2	(4.6)
Special Programs – Lump Sum	N/A	N/A	2,220.7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total ENMU	$29,351.8	$29,892.7	$28,947.2	$28,959.8	$28,627.0	($724.8)
NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY						
Instruction and General	$15,798.2	$16,303.1	$16,095.1	$16,070.0	$15,909.3	$111.1
Athletics	1,187.5	1,202.2	1,187.5	1,187.5	1,128.1	(59.4)
Extended Service Instruction	380.9	703.8		429.7	429.7	48.8
Visiting Scientist	22.7	23.0		21.3	20.7	(2.0)
Upward Bound	73.2	75.3		68.8	66.7	(6.5)
Diverse Populations Study	206.5	207.7		194.1	188.3	(18.2)
Latin American Institute	199.8	201.9		199.8	0.0	(199.8)
Advanced Placement	50.0	71.5		50.0	50.0	0.0
Special Programs – Lump Sum	N/A	N/A	987.1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total NMHU	$17,918.8	$18,788.5	$18,269.7	$18,221.2	$17,792.8	($126.0)
WESTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY						
Instruction and General	$11,217.2	$11,006.2	$10,855.9	$10,682.3	$10,575.5	($641.7)
Athletics	1,176.2	1,192.4	1,176.2	1,176.2	1,117.4	(58.8)
Extended Service Instruction	388.6	602.7		312.9	312.9	(75.7)
Instructional Television	98.7	101.7		98.7	95.7	(3.0)
Management Info. System	0.0	350.0		0.0	0.0	0.0
Special Programs – Lump Sum	N/A	N/A	559.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total WNMU	$12,880.7	$13,253.0	$12,591.5	$12,270.1	$12,101.5	($779.2)
UNM-HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER						
Medical School I & G	$32,701.1	$33,356.9	$32,701.0	$32,946.6	$32,946.6	$245.5
Cancer Center	1,921.4	1,939.4		1,921.4	1,921.4	0.0
Medical Investigator	2,328.2	2,464.6		2,328.2	2,328.2	0.0
EMS Academy	617.6	621.1		617.6	617.6	0.0
Out-of-County Indigent	1,677.2	1,677.2		1,677.7	1,677.7	0.5
Children's Psychiatric Hosp	2,877.7	2,914.7		2,877.7	2,877.7	0.0

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Specialized Perinatal Care	443.2	443.9		443.2	443.2	0.0
Newborn Intensive Care	1,991.5	2,046.9		1,991.5	1,991.5	0.0
Pediatric Oncology	181.5	191.5		191.5	191.3	10.0
Hemophilia Program	478.3	487.0		478.3	478.3	0.0
Young Children's Health Center	186.1	188.4		186.1	186.1	0.0
Pediatric Pulmonary Program	179.5	179.5		179.5	179.5	0.0
Health Resources Registry	19.8	20.3		18.6	18.6	(1.2)
Area Health Educ Centers	215.2	221.1		215.2	215.2	0.0
Grief Intervention Program	170.7	170.7		160.5	160.5	(10.2)
Carrie Tingley Hospital	2,503.1	2,599.7		2,503.1	2,503.1	0.0
Pediatric Dysmorphology	142.8	143.4		142.8	142.8	0.0
Locum Tenens	299.9	299.9		299.9	299.9	0.0
Center for Disaster Medicine	100.8	101.1		100.8	100.8	0.0
Poison Control Center	791.6	793.7		791.6	791.6	0.0
Fetal Alcohol Study	178.0	179.2		167.3	167.3	(10.7)
Telemedicine	602.4	612.9		291.4	291.4	(311.0)
PharmD (*)	0.0	0.0		247.5	247.5	247.5
Special Programs – Lump Sum	N/A	N/A	17,906.5	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total UNM- HEALTH SCIENCES	$50,607.6	$51,653.1	$50,607.5	$50,778.0	$50,778.0	$170.4
(*) Funds contained in UNM Main Campus I & G for 1996-97 & CHE 1997-98						
ALBUQUERQUE T-VI						
Instruction and General	$27,582.8	$26,977.9	$26,648.5	$27,755.8	$27,755.8	$173.0
Workforce Training Center (*)	0.0	403.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total TVI	$27,582.8	$27,381.8	$26,648.5	$27,755.8	$27,755.8	$173.0
(*) $300.0 included in I & G for 1996-97						
CLOVIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE						
Instruction and General	$6,654.7	$7,046.1	$6,744.1	$6,988.5	$6,922.9	$268.2
Extended Service Instruction	36.7	89.2	51.5	35.8	35.8	(0.9)
Total CLOVIS CC	$6,691.4	$7,135.3	$6,795.6	$7,024.3	$6,958.7	$267.3
LUNA VO-TECH INSTITUTE						
Instruction and General	$5,343.7	$5,261.7	$5,081.5	$5,193.8	$5,157.9	($185.8)
Total LVTI	$5,343.7	$5,261.7	$5,081.5	$5,193.8	$5,157.9	($185.8)
MESA TECHNICAL COLLEGE						
Instruction and General	$1,887.7	$1,865.8	$1,843.3	$1,836.6	$1,906.6	$18.9
Total MTC	$1,887.7	$1,865.8	$1,843.3	$1,836.6	$1,906.6	$18.9
NEW MEXICO JUNIOR COLLEGE						
Instruction and General	$5,660.2	$5,804.1	$5,596.5	$5,692.1	$5,658.5	($1.7)
Athletics	33.8	34.9	33.8	33.8	32.1	(1.7)
Total NMJC	$5,694.0	$5,839.0	$5,630.3	$5,725.9	$5,690.6	($3.4)
NORTHERN NM COMMUNITY COLLEGE						
Instruction and General	$6,273.9	$6,268.9	$6,081.7	$6,052.8	$6,126.9	($147.0)
Extended Service Instruction	9.4	109.0		70.3	70.3	60.9
Northern Pueblo's Institute	53.7	55.2		53.7	52.1	(1.6)
Special Programs – Lump Sum	N/A	N/A	72.8	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total NNMCC	$6,337.0	$6,433.1	$6,154.5	$6,176.8	$6,249.3	($87.7)
SAN JUAN COLLEGE						
Instruction and General	$6,884.9	$8,392.5	$7,887.9	$8,274.0	$8,167.8	$1,282.9
Total SJC	$6,884.9	$8,392.5	$7,887.9	$8,274.0	$8,167.8	$1,282.9

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	Final 1996-97 Approp.	CHE Recommendation FY 1997-98	EXEC Recommendation FY 1997-98	LFC Recommendation FY 1997-98	FINAL Action FY 1997-98	FINAL +/(-) FY 1996-97
SANTA FE COMMUNITY COLLEGE						
Instruction and General	$5,755.2	$6,456.8	$6,089.5	$6,047.3	$6,147.6	$392.4
Semiconductor Mfg. Workforce (*)	0.0	90.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total SFCC	$5,755.2	$6,547.3	$6,089.5	$6,047.3	$6,147.6	$392.4
(*) $66.2 was included in I & G for 1996-97						
NEW MEXICO MILITARY INSTITUTE						
Instruction and General	$1,689.3	$2,365.3	$2,075.3	$2,020.9	$2,020.9	$331.6
Total NMMI	$1,689.3	$2,365.3	$2,075.3	$2,020.9	$2,020.9	$331.6
NM SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF	$1,951.1	$2,355.8	$2,019.2	$2,211.7	$2,211.7	$260.6
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION						
CHE Administration	$1,403.7	$1,485.3	$1,423.5	$1,403.8	1,361.6	($42.1)
CHE Other (SBDC, MESA, Work to Lear	2,608.5	2,705.7	2,586.5	2,608.5	2,585.1	(23.4)
CHE Special Programs	17,112.5	19,801.5	17,112.7	17,600.1	17,112.7	0.2
Systems Development Fund	0.0	350.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
Workforce Development/Training	0.0	325.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
College Prep at the Tribal Level	0.0	150.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
Educ. TV Equip. Replacement Fund	0.0	410.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
Dental Hygienist Training/Rural NM	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
Total CHE	$21,124.7	$25,277.5	$21,124.7	$21,612.4	$21,059.4	($65.3)

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	Final 1996-97 Approp.	CHE Recommendation FY 1997-98	EXEC Recommendation FY 1997-98	LFC Recommendation FY 1997-98	FINAL Action FY 1997-98	FINAL +/(-) FY 1996-97
SUMMARY BY INSTITUTION						
New Mexico Tech.	$23,113.5	$23,951.6	$23,244.7	$23,274.3	$22,933.8	($179.7)
New Mexico State University	122,984.4	125,571.2	122,524.9	123,932.0	121,933.8	(1,050.6)
University of New Mexico	139,509.6	144,054.1	139,840.4	139,348.9	137,186.0	(2,323.6)
Eastern New Mexico University	29,351.8	29,892.7	28,947.2	28,959.8	28,627.0	(724.8)
New Mexico Highlands University	17,918.8	18,788.5	18,269.7	18,221.2	17,792.8	(126.0)
Western New Mexico University	12,880.7	13,253.0	12,591.5	12,270.1	12,101.5	(779.2)
UNM - Health Sciences Center	50,607.6	51,653.1	50,607.5	50,778.0	50,778.0	170.4
Albuquerque TVI	27,582.8	27,381.8	26,648.5	27,755.8	27,755.8	173.0
Clovis Community College	6,691.4	7,135.3	6,795.6	7,024.3	6,958.7	267.3
Luna VTI	5,343.7	5,261.7	5,081.5	5,193.8	5,157.9	(185.8)
Mesa Technical College	1,887.7	1,885.8	1,843.3	1,836.6	1,906.6	18.9
New Mexico Junior College	5,694.0	5,839.0	5,630.3	5,725.9	5,690.6	(3.4)
Northern NM Community College	6,337.0	6,433.1	6,154.5	6,176.8	6,249.3	(87.7)
San Juan College	6,884.9	8,392.5	7,887.9	8,274.0	8,167.8	1,282.9
Santa Fe Community College	5,755.2	6,547.3	6,089.5	6,047.3	6,147.6	392.4
New Mexico Military Institute	1,689.3	2,365.3	2,075.3	2,020.9	2,020.9	331.6
New Mexico School for the Deaf	1,951.1	2,355.8	2,019.2	2,211.7	2,211.7	260.6
Commission on Higher Education	21,124.7	25,277.5	21,124.7	21,612.4	21,059.4	(65.3)
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	$487,308.2	$506,019.3	$487,376.2	$490,663.8	$484,679.2	($2,629.0)
SUMMARY BY MAJOR FUNCTION						
Four-Year I&G	$257,168.2	$260,659.5	$257,207.1	$256,424.4	$254,174.6	($2,993.6)
Two-Year I&G	100,111.6	103,963.4	100,275.8	103,304.2	102,983.1	2,871.5
Medical School I&G	32,701.1	33,356.9	32,701.0	32,946.6	32,946.6	245.5
Special Schools	3,840.4	4,721.1	4,094.5	4,232.6	4,232.6	592.2
Extended Service Instruction	2,700.2	5,508.6	51.5	2,899.4	2,899.4	199.2
Off-Campus Centers	799.2	940.6	0.0	892.1	892.1	92.9
Educational Television	2,981.6	3,005.6	0.0	2,981.6	2,892.2	(89.4)
Athletics	9,031.7	9,182.4	9,031.7	9,031.7	8,580.1	(451.6)
Financial Aid	17,112.5	19,801.5	17,112.7	17,600.1	17,112.7	0.2
State-Level Programs	4,012.2	5,426.0	4,012.0	4,012.3	3,946.7	(65.5)
Other Programs	57,049.5	59,453.7	62,889.9	56,338.8	54,019.1	(3,030.4)
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	$487,308.2	$506,019.3	$487,376.2	$490,663.8	$484,679.2	($2,629.0)

BILL	PROJECT	FY98 AMOUNT	FUND SOURCE	AGENCY PROGRAM	SPONSOR
HB 132	UNM FOOTBALL STADIUM RENOVATION PHASE 3	200,000	STB	UNM/BR	Saavedra
HB 394	ABQ. UNM SOUTH GOLF COURSE IMPROVEMENTS	50,000	STB	UNM/BR	Saavedra
HB 541	SAN JUAN COLLEGE ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	75,000	STB	SJC/GB	Townsend
HB 576	KIRTLAND SJC CAMPUS IMROVEMENTS	100,000	STB	SJC/GB	Garnenez
HB 578	WILSON HALL RENOVATION	200,000	STB	NMMI/BR	Knowles
HB 663	UNM LOS ALAMOS BRANCH ADDITION	150,000	STB	UNM/BR	Wallace
HB 673	SJC COMPUTER SCIENCE BLDG. IMPROVEMENTS	550,000	STB	SJC/GB	Carpenter
HB 685	NMJC INFRASTRUCTURE RENOVATION	100,000	STB	NMJC/GB	Sanchez
HB 685	UNM INFRASTRUCTURE RENOVATION	950,000	STB	UNM/BR	Sanchez
HB 685	ENMU INFRASTRUCTURE RENOVATION	200,000	STB	ENMU/BR	Sanchez
HB 685	NMHU INFRASTRUCTURE RENOVATION	200,000	STB	NMHU/BR	Sanchez
HB 685	NMIMT INFRASTRUCTURE RENOVATION	250,000	STB	NMIMTBR	Sanchez
HB 685	NMSU MAIN CAMPUS INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVE	850,000	STB	NMSU/BR	Sanchez
HB 685	NMSU ALAMOGORDO BRANCH INFRASTRUCTURE	50,000	STB	NMSU/BR	Sanchez
HB 685	NMSU DONA ANA BRANCH INFRASTRUCTURE	112,500	STB	NMSU/BR	Sanchez
HB 685	WNMU INFRASTRUCTURE RENOVATION	200,000	STB	WNMU/BR	Sanchez
HB 685	NNMSS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	250,000	STB	NNMSSBR	Sanchez
HB 685	CCC INFRASTRUCTURE RENOVATIONS	121,250	STB	CCC/GB	Sanchez
HB 703	NMJC TRANSPORTATION TRAINING CENTER	200,000	STB	NMJC/GB	Whitaker
HB 35	LUNA VTI / HEALTH CARE TRAINING FACILITY	300,000	STB	LVTI	Salazar
HB 1015	NM SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF IMPROVEMENTS	150,000	STB	NMSD	Coll
	TOTAL: $5,258,750				

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ACTION OF 1997 NM LEGISLATURE AFFECTING HIGHER EDUCATION
Summary of Bills Analyzed By Commission Staff

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LEGISLATION PASSED, 1997

House Bills Sent to the Governor for Signature

HB 2s — **GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT OF 1997 (Coll)** - The House Appropriations and Finance Committee substitute, with subsequent amendments, for House Bills 2, 4, 6, and 9. ***Signed by the Governor with partial veto on March 19, 1997 - Chapter 33.***

HB 45a — **STATE AGENCY SMALL PURCHASES (Hobbs)** - House Bill 45, as amended by the House Business and Industry Committee, changes the Procurement Code to allow state agencies and local public bodies to purchase services, construction, or items of tangible personal property having a value up to $10,000. ***Signed by the Governor on April 8, 1997.***

HB 82a — **CHILD FATALITY REVIEW TEAM (Miera)** - This bill, as amended by the House Appropriations & Finance Committee, creates the Child Fatality Review Team. The review team will consist of members of the public and representatives from state agencies, including the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. The review team will be organized into specialized panels based on categories of preventable child fatalities for the following purposes: (1) to identify preventable deaths and their contributing factors, and monitor the trends and analyses of the various causes and contributing factors; (2) to identify statewide and community system needs and preventable system failures; (3) to identify needed service delivery practices among community providers; and (4) to provide a mechanism to disseminate information for program development, to make recommendations for changes in consumer products, and to pool resources for the prevention of child fatalities. ***Vetoed by the Governor on 4/11/97.***

HB 120a — **PAYMENT FOR GOVERNMENT PURCHASES (Picraux)** - House Bill 120 amends the Procurement Code to require state agencies to pay their bills within thirty, rather than sixty, days. The bill also requires imposition of late payment charges in contracts. Payments shall be made from the Corrective Action Fund within thirty, rather than sixty, days. As amended, a purchasing office may dispute the product or services rendered within 30 days of the invoice date and request remedial action. ***Signed by the Governor on April 11, 1997.***

HB 222sa — **WORK FORCE EDUCATION ACT (SM Williams)** - The House Education Committee's substitute for House Bill 222, as amended, enacts the Workforce Education Act in New Mexico. The Workforce Education Act sustains the a statewide school-to-work system involving partnerships among public schools, public post-secondary institutions, business, and education communities to address the education requirements of New Mexico's current and future work force. The NM State Department of Education will coordinate federal and state efforts regarding the school to work system; coordinate statewide training for teachers, employers, mentors, counselors; establish procedures to encourage participation and to transition students from school to job placements; assist employers in developing criteria for job placement; expand school counseling; expand system to address students with special needs, and develop long-range plans to ensure financial stability of the school to work system in the event federal resources are no longer available. The act also creates a Workforce Education Coordinating Council to

serve as an advisory council to the Executive, the Legislature and the State Board of Education and includes representation from a post-secondary institution. ***Vetoed by the Governor on 4/11/97.***

HB 290 **SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE REQUIREMENT (Rodella)** - House Bill 290 amends Section 1-22-3 NMSA 1978 regarding public school board candidates and elections. The statute is amended to require candidates for school board to physically reside in the school district in which he/she is a candidate. Section 21-16-5 NMSA 1978, which establishes procedures for the election of governing board members for technical and vocational institute districts, requires that TVI board elections follow the requirements of Section 1-22-3 NMSA 1978. Thus, the amendment would require candidates for the governing board of a TVI to physically reside in the district. ***Signed by the Governor on April 11, 1997.***

HB 291 **EDUCATION EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE (Lujan)** - House Bill 291 amends the Group Insurance Cafeteria Plan statute to allow school districts and institutions of higher education to contribute up to one hundred percent of their employees' health insurance premiums. Health insurance contributions for state employees, except for public schools, is now limited to sixty percent of the health insurance premium. ***Vetoed by the Governor on 4/11/97.***

HB 330 **ALTERNATIVE PREMIUM PAYMENT PLANS (Corley)** -House Bill 330 amends the Workers' Compensation Group Self-Insurance Act to permit alternative payment plans. Groups would be allowed to provide a surety bond in an amount equal to twenty-five percent of the groups' annual premium before the start of the fund year, and to pay the annual premium in monthly or quarterly payments during the fund year. Self-insured groups are currently required to pay twenty-five percent of the members' annual premium before the start of the fund year and pay the balance in monthly or quarterly installments during the fund year. ***Signed by the Governor on April 11, 1997.***

HB 358a **HEALTH CARE PURCHASING ACT (Picraux)** - House Bill 358, as amended by the House Business and Industry Committee, enacts the Health Care Purchasing Act, which requires consolidated purchase of health care for all public employees, public school employees, and retirees of public employment and the public schools. Other statutes are amended to require the Retiree Health Care Board, the Public School Insurance Authority, and the Risk Management Division of the NM General Services Department to procure group health care through the provisions of this act. Presumably those institutions of higher education which are insured through the Public School Insurance Authority would be covered by the provisions of this act. The effective date of the bill is July 1, 1997, and the act would affect the group insurance proposals for new coverage effective July 1, 1999, and for renewals effective July 1, 2000. ***Signed by the Governor on April 8, 1997.***

HB 495a **LEGISLATIVE SCHOLARSHIP FUND INVESTMENT (Knowles)** - House Bill 495 provides for changes in the investment policy of the New Mexico Military Institute's Legislative Scholarship Fund. The investment policy would be the same as that used by the State Investment Council for its investment of the state's permanent funds. The State Investment Council continues to have approval authority of the Institute's investment policy. The bill

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will enable the New Mexico Military Institute to invest the Legislative Scholarship Fund in a broader range of authorized investments. The changes retain existing safeguards. ***Signed by the Governor on April 11, 1997.***

HB 512a **AMEND DEVELOPMENT TRAINING (Sanchez)** - House Bill 512, as amended, appropriates $6,000,000 for the Industrial Development Training Program (In-Plant) for use in FY 98. Included in the appropriation is $70,000 to be used by the Economic Development Department for program administration. HB 512 amends existing statute by directing the Economic Development Division of the Economic Development Department to administer the Industrial Development Training Program (funds and program development services) rather than dividing the responsibilities between Economic Development Department and the State Department of Education as before. It directs the Vocational Education Division of the State Department of Education to provide technical assistance to the program. Additionally, it requires that training applicants be of legal status for employment rather than citizens of the United States. The House Appropriations and Finance Committee amendment adds an emergency clause and creates a Development Training Fund for the In Plant Training Program, from which the money is appropriated to the Economic Development Department. ***Signed by the Governor on April 11, 1997.***

HB 544a **AMEND UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PARK ACT (Sandel)** - House Bill 544, as amended, expands the range of post-secondary institutions authorized to establish and operate facilities under the University Research Park Act. Currently, only constitutional institutions may establish research parks; HB 544 extends that authority to community colleges and technical-vocational institutes. The House Education Committee amendment adds area vocational schools to this expansion. ***Signed by the Governor on April 10, 1997.***

HB 563a* **EDUCATION TRUST ACT (Sanchez)** - House Bill 563, as amended, creates an Education Trust Act to provide New Mexico families a state tax-free opportunity to invest in their child's future college education. The Act outlines two methods for financing the increasing costs of a college education - through a College Investment Agreement or through a Prepaid Tuition Contract. Funds will be deposited into the Education Trust Fund - a fund jointly managed by the State Investment Office and the Education Trust Board. HB 563 outlines the membership and duties of the Education Trust Board as it implements the provisions of the Education Trust Act. The Board will be administratively attached to the NM Commission on Higher Education and will receive staff assistance from the Commission in performing its duty to administer the Education Trust Act. The amendments to the bill make the following clarifications (1) that eligible institutions are state "public post-secondary" institutions; (2) once an agreement is terminated and a net refund is generated for the investor, a six percent tax will be withheld and transmitted to the NM Taxation and Revenue Department; (3) all refunds will be taxable in the year the agreement is terminated; (4) the Board shall promulgate rules and regulations to administer the programs, to protect the financial integrity of the Fund, to preserve the program's benefits, and to assure the appropriate use of the tax benefits; and (5) contributions for college investment agreements shall be limited to projected costs of attendance (COA) and COA should be calculated utilizing federal guidelines and factors. ***Signed by the Governor on April 11, 1997.***

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HB 572a

LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS (Alwin) - House Bill 572 amends current statutes regarding elections for local school boards, branch community college boards, technical and vocational institute boards, and area vocational school boards to move elections from February to the November general election. Board members whose terms would have expired on March 1, 1999 or March 1, 2001 following the current February election would have their terms extended until Dec. 1, 1999 or Dec. 1, 2001 following the November election. ***Vetoed by the Governor on 4/11/97.***

HB 736a

AMEND PUBLIC BUILDING EFFICIENCY ACT (Sanchez) - House Bill 736 amends the Public Building Energy Efficiency Act to include water conservation measures and to provide that state agencies may carry over utility savings realized throrough guaranteed utility savings contracts. Also includes two- and four-year institutions of higher education. ***Signed by the Governor on March 21, 1997 - Chapter 42.***

HB 862a

REGIONAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVES (Beam) - House Bill 862, as amended, amends the Regional Cooperative Education Act to eliminate special funds established for their operation as part of the original act. The bill also amends the Public School Insurance Authority Act to add regional education cooperatives to the list of entities that can elect to participate in the PSIA. Although state post-secondary institutions are eligible to participate in the cooperatives, the changes in HB 862 appear to have no direct impact upon post-secondary education. ***Vetoed by the Governor on 4/11/97.***

HB 875a

PUBLIC RETIREMENT ACTS (Varela) - House Bill 875, as amended, amends the Public Employees' Retirement Act, the Judicial Retirement Act, and the Magistrate Retirement Act regarding credited service in the uniformed services, including purchase of credited service for service with an honorable discharge and purchase of service credit for voluntary re-enlistment in the uniformed services. The bill also amends the acts regarding survivor pensions of those members who die before retirement. The bill amends the acts with regard to the types of investments into which the retirement board may put association funds. ***Signed by the Governor on April 11, 1997.***

HB 901

AMEND UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT ACT (Whitaker) - House Bill 901 amends the University Endowment Act to specifically include community colleges and technical-vocational institutions in the definition of "institution". It also would repeal the section of the original legislation which would repeal the entire Act effective July 1, 2000. ***Vetoed by the Governor on 4/11/97.***

HB 1132s*

HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (Olguin) - The House Education Committee substitute for House Bill 1132 adds a new section to General Provisions Relating to State Educational Institutions, Chapter 21, Article 1, NMSA 1978. This new section finds that there are six constitutionally created four-year universities in the state, and that the legislature has authorized these institutions to create branches. It also states that the legislature finds that the proliferation of four-year institutions is not in the best interest of the state and that they shall not be funded unless specifically authorized by law. Finally, this new section states that, effective July 1, 1997, no new public four-year institution can be created except as specifically authorized by law. HB 1132s also amends Chapter 21, Article 14, relating to the establishment of branch community colleges. References to local boards of education are changed to local school boards. Also, references to the Board of Educational Finance are changed to Commission on Higher Education. A

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section is added allowing a constitutionally created four-year institution to initiate the establishment of a branch by contacting local school boards. Also, a section is added that requires any constitutionally created four-year institution desiring to initiate the establishment of a branch to comply with the procedures set forth in the Branch Community College Act. Finally, HB1132s directs the Commission on Higher Education to study the feasibility and benefit to the state of creating or establishing learning centers, which broker post-secondary educational services. ***Signed by the Governor on April 9, 1997.***

HJM 7a

NATURAL RESOURCES EDUCATION (McSherry) - House Joint Memorial 7, as amended, requests that the Governor and the State Department of Public Education endorse means and methods of improving the teaching of natural resource, environmental and agricultural education in classrooms and recognize the importance of current funding efforts by the NM Farm and Livestock Bureau. The New Mexico State University College of Agriculture and Home Economics and the New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service are urged to provide assistance in efforts to improve educational opportunities in New Mexico. The House Education Committee amendments to HJM 7 require that the governor and the state department of public education report their findings and recommendations to the legislative education study committee by December 1, 1997. ***Passed both Houses.***

HJM 9*

SCIENCE & MATH CURRICULA (Knowles) - House Joint Memorial 9 requests that the Commission on Higher Education work with representatives of the business community, the technical research community (particularly the national laboratories within the state), and the state's community colleges to develop a plan to strengthen science and mathematics curricula at the community colleges. A report is to be made to an appropriate interim legislative committee by November 1, 1997. The memorial is sponsored by the legislative Science, Technology, Energy and Defense Conversion Committee. ***Passed both Houses.***

HJM 16a*

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL FUNDING FORMULA STUDY (Marquardt) - As amended, House Joint Memorial 16 requests the CHE to reassess the funding process and formulas for health professional education and training programs; particularly the adequacy of the graduate-level health sciences formula factor and the appropriateness of graduate health professional tuition. An interim report is due on October 15, 1997, with a final report due in 1998. ***Passed both Houses.***

HJM 17

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL STUDY (Marquardt) - House Joint Memorial 17 resolves that the NM Health Policy Commission work together with the Department of Health, the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center, other institutions which train health professionals, and the NM Commission on Higher Education to plan, assess and make recommendations regarding issues of recruitment and retention of health professionals. The issues to be discussed include: identifying loan repayment standards, consolidation of administrative functions of like programs, incorporating local communities, identifying ways to ease articulation and transfer of credits between institutions, and consideration of non-traditional educational delivery methods to rural health professional candidates. An interim report is to be presented to the Legislature by October 15, 1997 and a final report by October 15, 1998. ***Passed both Houses.***

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HJM 29* **STUDENT FINANCIAL AID STUDY (Sanchez)** - House Joint Memorial 29 requests that the Commission on Higher Education work with New Mexico's colleges and universities in reviewing the existing state financial aid programs. Recommendations for restructuring those programs, to maximize their benefits to students, shall be presented to the Legislature and Governor by November 1, 1997. ***Passed both Houses.***

HJM 51 **ALTERNATIVE WASTEWATER TREATMENT (Cubbels)** - House Joint Memorial 51 requests that the Department of Environment, the City of Albuquerque, the University of New Mexico, New Mexico State University, the NM Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, and other interested parties review and evaluate alternative wastewater treatment technologies, including constructed wetlands, to assist communities, industries and agricultural enterprises to cleanse polluted water in order to replenish our water supply and lost habitats. ***Passed both Houses.***

HJM 71 **UNM BIOMECHANICS CENTER (Salazar)** - House Joint Memorial 71 requests the Legislature to consider funding a new biomechanics center at the University of New Mexico which would provide specialized training for orthopedic surgeons and therapists. ***Passed both Houses.***

HM 25 **EDUCATIONAL RETIREES, CONGRATS (Gonzales)** - House Memorial 25 requests that the Governor proclaim October 13, 1997 as "Retired Educators Day" in New Mexico in recognition of their dedication and service to the state. ***Passed House and Signed.***

Senate Bills Sent to the Governor for Signature

SB 8a **INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL FUNDS (Howes)** - Senate Bill 8, as amended, amends sections of the Public School Code to provide for distribution of instructional material funds directly to school districts, state institutions, private schools, and adult basic education centers. The allocation procedure would remain the same. Procedures for distribution shall be developed by the State Department of Education. Balances remaining at school districts, state institutions, or adult basic education centers shall not revert and shall be available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years. Funds remaining in the account for private schools shall be available to the department for allocation in subsequent fiscal years. Recipients of the instructional material funds shall keep records of expenditures of the funds. The Senate Finance Committee amendment adds an effective date of July 1, 1998. ***Signed by the Governor on April 9, 1997.***

SB 81 **RESIDENT STUDENT STATUS (Robinson)** - Senate Bill 81 authorizes resident tuition status for athletic scholarship recipients. For FY 98 and FY 99 there would be an approximately $1,921,031 fiscal impact on institutional budgets. Beginning in FY 2000, the general fund would assume the fiscal impact. ***Signed by the Governor on April 11, 1997.***

SB 100a **EDUCATION APPROPRIATION ACT (Nava)** - Senate Bill 100, as amended, appropriates a total of $1,397,374,700 in FY 98 from the general fund for Public School Support, the Adult Basic Education Fund, and State Department of Education administration and

special projects. $150,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Commission on Higher Education in FY 98 for advanced placement. ***Signed by the Governor with a partial veto on March 19, 1997 - Chapter 32.***

SB 109sa **PAYMENT FOR GOVERNMENT PURCHASES (Nava)** - The Senate Public Affairs Committee substitute for Senate Bill 109 amends the Procurement Code to require state agencies to pay their bills within thirty, rather than sixty, days. This bill also requires imposition of late payment charges in contracts. Payments shall be made from the Corrective Action Fund within thirty, rather than sixty, days. As amended, the central purchasing office may choose to reject a product or service billing if the product or service was deemed unacceptable. An opportunity for remedial action will be provided. ***Signed by the Governor on April 9, 1997.***

SB 120a **ERA SERVICE CREDIT PURCHASE (Romero)** - Senate Bill 120, as amended, changes the Educational Retirement Act to require that purchase of service credit be allowed in an amount equal to the actuarial value of the service as defined by the Board, effective July 1, 2000. Purchase of service credit is currently at twelve percent of the employee's most recent annual salary. Interest at five percent is also charged. ***Signed by the Governor on April 9, 1997.***

SB 168a* **LOTTERY TUITION FUND DISTRIBUTION (Sanchez)** - Senate Bill 168, as amended, appropriates money in the Lottery Tuition Fund to the Commission on Higher Education for distribution to eligible New Mexico public post-secondary institutions in lieu of an appropriation to each of the institutions. ***Signed by the Governor on April 9, 1997.***

SB 242sa **DEADLY WEAPONS ON STATE PREMISES (Macias)** - The Senate Judiciary Committee substitute for Senate Bill 242, as amended, makes it illegal to carry a deadly weapon on state premises, including campuses of post-secondary institutions, except by police or private security officers or persons over the age of nineteen who have the weapon in a private vehicle for protection. ***Vetoed by the Governor on 4/11/97.***

SB 274a **AMENDING ELECTION CODE (Romero)** - Senate Bill 274 amends current statutes regarding elections for local school boards, branch community college boards, technical and vocational institute boards, and area vocational school boards to move elections from February to the November general election. Board members whose terms would have expired on March 1, 1999 or March 1, 2001 following the current February election would have their terms extended until Dec. 1, 1999 or Dec. 1, 2001 following the November election. ***Vetoed by the Governor on 4/11/97.***

SB 501a **SCHOOL FOR VISUALLY HANDICAPPED REGENTS (Nava)** - Senate Bill 501, as amended, amends Article 5 of Section 21 of NMSA 1978 to change the composition of the Board of Trustees (changed to Regents) for the New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped (NMSVH). It requires that at least one regent shall be visually handicapped and that at least one regent shall be the parent of a visually handicapped child. It removes language that required one regent to be the spouse, brother, sister, daughter or son of a visually handicapped person. ***Signed by the Governor on April 11, 1997.***

SB 505a **COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS POLICE (Leavell)** - Senate Bill 505, as amended, amends law enforcement statutes to authorize community colleges to establish campus police forces. The provisions in this authorization are comparable to those already

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provided for constitutional institutions of higher education. The Senate Public Affairs Committee amendment adds a requirement that community college police officers meet statutory certification requirements within one year of employment. ***Signed by the Governor on April 9, 1997.***

SB 677a*

PREPAID TUITION STUDY (Kidd) - Senate Bill 677, as amended, directs the Commission on Higher Education to conduct a thorough feasibility study for creating a prepaid higher education tuition program. A general fund appropriation of $100,000 is included to conduct feasibility studies as necessary and for paying for other costs associated with creating and implementing a program. ***Signed by the Governor on April 11, 1997.***

SB 792

BROADEN ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDINGS ACT (Griego) - Senate Bill 792 broadens the governmental unit definition in the Public Building Energy Efficiency Act. Specifies that utility and maintenance appropriations to governmental units shall not be reduced over the term of the guaranteed energy savings contract, the related lease purchase agreement, or the installment payment contract. ***Vetoed by the Governor on 4/11/97.***

SB 820a

STATUS OF STATE AGENCY FUNDS REPORT (Maes) - Senate Bill 820 creates a new section of statute that requires state agencies to furnish to the Legislature quarterly reports on all permanent, trust and escrow funds under each agency's control. For purposes of this section, "state agency" is defined as any department, board, commission, or constitutionally created public, post-secondary institution. These reports would not be required of two-year institutions other than the New Mexico Military Institute and Northern New Mexico Community College. ***Vetoed by the Governor on 3/19/97.***

SB 841

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES BARGAINING (Aragon) - Senate Bill 841 amends the Public Employee Bargaining Act to include in the definition of "public employer" state educational institutions, as provided in Article 12, Section 11, of the Constitution of New Mexico. The purpose of the bill is to clarify that certain educational institutions may create a public employee labor relations board. ***Signed by the Governor on April 11, 1997.***

SB 865a

T-VI DISTRICTS FUNDS (Robinson) - Senate Bill 865 enacts a new section of the Technical and Vocational Institute (TVI) Act dealing with the selection of a fiscal agent and depository. Provisions of this section specify that the selection of a fiscal agent must be made pursuant to the procedures of the Procurement Code. It also specifies that banks or savings and loan associations chosen as a fiscal agent must enter into an agreement with the TVI for defined services such as collection of TVI receipts, the handling of checking accounts, the handling of transfers of money related to the retirement of bonds, the investment of funds and safekeeping of securities, the implementation of a cash management system allowing for daily sweeps of balances into interest bearing accounts, the processing of credit card transactions, and the administration of direct deposit payroll. SB 865 also amends Section 6-10-36 NMSA 1978. Currently, this section excludes funds in the custody of the state treasurer, institutions of higher education, incorporated municipalities, and counties from the provisions in this section. SB 865 amends this section to add technical and vocational institutes to the list of excluded entities. ***Signed by the Governor on April 9, 1997.***

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SB 1115a* **AMEND WICHE PROGRAM (Altamirano)** - Senate Bill 1115, as amended, changes the current Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) Student Exchange Program from a grant program to a loan for service program. It provides that the program be administered by the Commission on Higher Education and creates a fund in which any funds appropriated for this purpose be deposited. As amended, eligible students must to be New Mexico high school graduates. SB 1115 contains two appropriations: (1) $70,000 from Nursing Loan-for-Service collections, to the CHE, for costs associated with administering the program and to provide support fees, if necessary, and (2) $400,000 in general fund to the University of New Mexico to augment the HB 2 appropriation of $1,320,000 for student exchange support fees. Appropriations are sufficient to meet financial commitments to continuing exchange students but will not meet the financial obligations of new program participants in the 1997-98 year. The service requirement would apply to all participants enrolled into the program on or after July 1, 1997. ***Signed by the Governor on April 9, 1997.***

SB 1235 **HIGHER ED ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (Rodriguez)** - Senate Bill 1235 amends existing statutes to require that local school boards and certain post-secondary institutions establish non-discriminatory policies regarding the admission of home-schooled and private-schooled students. The post-secondary component of the bill affects New Mexico State University, New Mexico Tech, the University of New Mexico, and New Mexico Military Institute. These institutions are specifically forbidden to require presentation of a general education diploma (GED) as a requirement of admission for home-school or private-school students, if those students have presented test scores that qualify them for admission. ***Signed by the Governor on April 9, 1997.***

SJM 2* **SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS (Altamirano)** - Senate Joint Memorial 2 recognizes the contribution of Small Business Development Centers to the state economy and supports an increase in funding their expansion. It requests that the Commission on Higher Education and the state director of the New Mexico Small Business Development Centers report the status of the centers to the appropriate interim legislative committee by October 15, 1997. ***Passed both Houses.***

SJM 8 **NEW MEXICO MESA DAY (Aragon)** - Senate Joint Memorial 8 applauds the New Mexico MESA program for its dedication to preparing minority students for careers in math, engineering, and sciences and designates February 3, 1997, as "New Mexico MESA Day." ***Passed both Houses and Signed.***

SJM 9 **INTEGRATE UNM INDIAN PROGRAMS (Tsosie)** - Senate Joint Memorial 9 encourages the integration and unification of programs for Native American Students at the University of New Mexico. It resolves that serious consideration be given to future reorganization efforts in terms of preventing further fragmentation of services which could negatively affect retention of Native American students. ***Passed both Houses.***

SJM 12* **HIGHER ED EVALUATION & PLANNING (Robinson)** - Senate Joint Memorial 12 asks the Commission on Higher Education to "undertake a long-term program of evaluation and planning with the goal of assuring the availability of high-quality post-secondary education delivered efficiently throughout the state and responsive to the needs of New Mexico's citizenry and the demands of the twenty-first century." The CHE is to consult with specified sectors of the citizenry and post-secondary institutions are asked to provide technical assistance and staff support. The program is to address quality and productivity;

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operating costs and efficiencies; the fit of existing programs with state needs; and ways to improve the delivery of state funding. The CHE is to report annually to the Legislature and the Governor, beginning in January 1998. ***Passed both Houses.***

SJM 22 **ADULT BASIC EDUCATION STUDY (Robinson)** - Senate Joint Memorial 22 requests the State Department of Education study New Mexico's Adult Basic Education Program in participation with the Commission on Higher Education, community colleges and other administrative sites, and other agencies involved in the administration of adult basic education and literacy programs. ***Passed both Houses.***

SJM 23a **UNM STUDENT SERVICES (Aragon)** - Senate Joint Memorial 23, as amended, assures, affirms, and strongly suggests that the University of New Mexico Board of Regents continue to maintain the student service departments of American Indian Student Services, El Centro De La Raza Student Services, The African American Student Services, the New Mexico Public Research Group, and the Women's Resource Center. These departments have been on the UNM campus for many years; UNM has more minority students than any other university in the state, including the highest student enrollment of ethnic, minority and women at a four-year research institution in the nation; and ethnic, culture, minority and gender-based student services are essential to the academic mission of UNM. ***Passed both Houses.***

SJM 32 **NAVAJO COLLEGE FUNDING (Pinto)** - Senate Joint Memorial 32 requests the Congress of the United States to fund the construction of the Navajo Community College campus in Shiprock, New Mexico. SJM 32 resolves that copies of this memorial be directed to the NM Congressional Delegation and the Secretary of the Interior. ***Passed both Houses and Signed.***

SJM 60 **NMSU SCHOOL OF VET SCIENCE (Sanchez)** - Senate Joint Memorial 60 requests that New Mexico State University study the feasibility of establishing a school of veterinary science at NMSU in Las Cruces. A report of findings and recommendations would be submitted at the Commission on Higher Education and to the appropriate interim committee of the legislature by December 1, 1997. ***Passed both Houses.***

SM 2 **EVENING LAW PROGRAM (Romero)** - Senate Memorial 2 requests the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico to study the feasibility of offering a course of study in law during the evening. The Board is requested to report findings and recommendations to the appropriate interim legislative committee before the 1998 legislative session. ***Passed Senate and Signed.***

SM 4 **TEACHING & RESEARCH ASSISTANTS (Sanchez)** - Senate Memorial 4 asks those New Mexico universities that employ graduate students as teaching assistants or research assistants to include health insurance benefits in their employment contracts. The memorial further requests that the institutions review the health insurance benefit issue and report to an appropriate interim legislative committee no later than October 1, 1997. ***Passed Senate and Signed.***

LEGISLATION NOT PASSED, 1997

House Bills Introduced, but not Adopted

HB 3sa — **EDUCATION APPROPRIATION ACT (Vigil)** - The House Education Committee substitute for House Bill 3, as amended, appropriates $8,000,000 for FY 98 to provide a two percent salary increase for all public school employees and school transportation employees.

HB 7 — **GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT OF 1997 (Bird)- SECTION J ONLY.** House Bill 7, Section J would appropriate $485,357,300 from the general fund, plus other state funds and federal funds to the CHE for expenditure or allocation to higher education agencies. The appropriation amounts reflect the Governor's recommended budget for FY 98. The CHE has no legal staff, but the form in which HB 7 is drafted would appear to violate the Constitutional mandate that all appropriation laws "...distinctly specify the sum appropriated and the object to which it is to be applied.", by not specifying the institutions for which the appropriations apply. Furthermore, Section 6-3-11(D) NMSA 1978 specifies that the governor's appropriation bill "... shall follow budget classification and shall be stated in lump sums according to function or purpose of each agency." (Section 6-3-1 defines all colleges and universities as agencies). *Conflicts with HB 2, General Appropriation Act of 1997 (Coll).*

HB 8 — **LOTTERY REVENUE DISTRIBUTION (Vigil)** - This bill changes the disposition of state lottery revenues to earmark 60 percent of net revenues for distribution to public schools for capital outlay expenditures. It authorizes expenditures to include both capital outlay and educational technology expenses pursuant to the Public School Capital Improvements Act and the Technology for Education Act. The fund shall be administered by the State Department of Education and shall be non-reverting. Included within the bill is a formula for calculating the amount of funds due each school district. HB 8 includes some clean up language and limits operating expenses of the lottery authority to those specifically listed in the bill. ***Succeeded by HB 189s.***

HB 9a — **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SALARIES (Varela)** - House Bill 9, as amended, appropriates $52,492,500 for three percent salary increases for public school employees; state employees in post-secondary educational institutions and vocational schools; state employees in the executive branch; commissioned state police officers; judicial employees; employees of district attorneys; and legislative employees. The bill provides for lump sum payments to employees at or near the top of their salary ranges. Exempt employees are specifically included in the appropriation. The House Labor and Human Resources Committee amendment adds language regarding union salary negotiations on behalf of state employees. ***Succeeded by HB 2s.***

HB 18 — **LOTTERY REVENUES DISTRIBUTION (Silva)** - House Bill 18 earmarks 50 percent of net revenue lottery transfers for distribution to the public schools for public schools for educational technology. The remaining 50 percent net revenue lottery transfers are for distribution to the lottery tuition fund. This bill differs from current provisions of law in the following ways: (1) The lottery tuition scholarship fund would receive 50 percent, instead of the current 40 percent, of net revenue lottery transfers; (2) The distribution to public schools would be for educational technology fund expenditures rather than

"critical" capital outlay expenditures; and (3) HB 18 includes some minor clean up language and limits operating expenses of the lottery authority to those specifically listed in the bill. ***Succeeded by HB 189s.***

HB 21 — **NNMSS PROJECTS, STB (Salazar)** - House Bill 21 appropriates $1,388,000 from Severance Tax Bonds to Northern New Mexico Community College (NNMCC) at Espanola and El Rito for the following: (1) $700,000 for site drainage improvements at the Espanola campus; (2) $400,000 for property acquisition at the Espanola campus; and (3) $288,000 for Phase II water infrastructure at the El Rito campus.

HB 23s — **ALCALDE CENTER, STB (Salazar)** - The House Taxation and Revenue Committee substitute for many capital outlay bills, including House Bills 35, 132, 394, 541, 576, 578, 663, 673, 685, 703, and 1015. ***Passed House.***

HB 34a — **SCHOOL BOARD CAMPAIGN REPORTING ACT (Stewart)** -House Bill 34, as amended, would add the elected governing boards of technical and vocational institutes, area vocational schools, and community colleges, and the elected advisory boards of branch community colleges into the definition of a board in the School Board Campaign Reporting Act. Amendments by the Senate Judiciary Committee broaden the definition of "contributions" to include not only those received for a school board election, but also those for "political purpose" where political purpose means influencing or attempting to influence an election or other question submitted to voters. ***Passed House.***

HB 35 — **LUNA VO-TECH HEALTH FACILITY, STB (Salazar)** - House Bill 35 authorizes the issuance of $2,754,614 in Severance Tax Bonds for Phase Three of a Center for Instructional Programs at the main campus of Luna Vocational-Technical Institute in San Miguel County. *Duplicates SB 283, Luna Vo-Tech Facility, STB (Campos).* ***Succeeded by HB 23s.***

HB 41a — **PEACE CORPS SERVICE CREDIT (Stewart)** - House Bill 41, as amended, alters the Educational Retirement Act to allow members to purchase up to four years of credited service for service in the Peace Corps. The member would be required to contribute, for each year of allowed service credit, an amount equal to the actuarial value of the service purchased. Individuals wishing to purchase the service credit must have worked for a public employer for at least five years. The House Education Committee amendment adds language regarding allowed service credit for time spent in the military and public health service. *Duplicates SB 166, Peace Corps Service Credit (McSorley).*

HB 50 — **STATE MOTOR POOL (Varela)** - House Bill 50 amends the Transportation Services Act to remove from the Transportation Services Division control over state vehicles other than those in the state motor pool, state aircraft, Alternative Fuel Program, and the Travel Coordination Program. This bill would allow for transfer for all but 100 vehicles back to state agencies and for state agencies to purchase and control their own vehicles. It is unclear what would happen to those vehicles currently leased by state agencies from the Transportation Services Division. *Companion to HB 51, Repeal State Aircraft Act (Varela).*

HB 51 — **REPEAL STATE AIRCRAFT ACT (Varela)** - House Bill 51 repeals the State Aircraft Act, which removes from the Transportation Services Division control over state aircraft.

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Aircraft are to be transferred back to the agencies from which ownership was transferred in 1994. *Companion to HB 50, State Motor Pool (Varela).*

HB 58 **DISPOSAL OF STATE PROPERTY (Madalena)** - House Bill 58 amends the Procurement Code to allows state agencies, local public bodies, school districts, and state educational institutions to dispose of obsolete, worn-out and unusable personal property to any governmental unit of a New Mexico Indian nation, tribe, or pueblo. *Conflicts with HB 624, Disposition of Public Property (Townsend).* ***Passed House.***

HB 83a **TUITION WAIVERS FOR TEACHERS (Miera)** - House Bill 83, as amended, would require the six state-funded public universities to waive tuition charges for a maximum of three credit hours per academic year for each classroom teacher employed full time by NM public schools. The wavier would be applicable for courses that are consistent with a professional development plan as approved by the local school board. The legislation provides no appropriation to cover the costs of the student's tuition. The four-year institutions would be required to pay for the cost out of their institutional budgets. The House Education Committee amendment would require that the Commission on Higher Education "not take credit" for tuition money that the universities do not receive by granting the waivers.

HB 92 **FOOD & NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAMS (JP Taylor)** - This bill appropriates $470,000 to the Cooperative Extension Service at New Mexico State University to expand the food and nutrition education program. This program currently serves Bernalillo, Dona Ana, Mora, and San Miguel counties. If funded, it would expand to serve Cibola, McKinley, Rio Arriba, Santa Fe, Sandoval, Valencia, and Taos. *Duplicate of SB 341, Food & Nutrition Programs (Aragon). Related to SB 807, Promote Farmers Markets (Altamirano).*

HB 93 **STUDENT TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (JP Taylor)** - House Bill 93 establishes a student teacher scholarship program. The Commission on Higher Education is directed to promulgate regulations to establish and administer the program. Although the bill states that the program is to be for scholarships, it requires recipients to agree to work or teach in a public school in the state for at least one year. *Conflicts with HB 3s, Education Appropriation Act (Vigil).*

HB 121 **EMPLOYEE INTEREST IN CONTRACTS (Picraux)** - House Bill 121 amends Sections 21-1-17 and 21-1-35 NMSA 1978 to allow board members and staff of institutions of higher education to have an interest in a contract or transaction with that institution if the interest is consistent with the Governmental Conduct Act and is awarded pursuant to the Procurement Code. Board members and staff are currently prohibited from having any business dealings with the institutions they serve. The penalty for any interest is a fine up to $1,000 and up to one year of imprisonment in a state penitentiary. *Related to HB 386, Higher Ed Boards & Employee Contracts (Picraux).* ***Passed House.***

HB 132 **UNM FOOTBALL STADIUM, STB (Saavedra)** - House Bill 132 authorizes the issuance of no more than $3,000,000 in Severance Tax Bonds for appropriation to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for the purpose of proceeding with Phase III renovations and expansion of the UNM Football Stadium in Albuquerque. ***Succeeded by HB 23s.***

HB 152 **WNMU CAPITAL PROJECTS, STB (Ryan)** - House Bill 152 authorizes the issuance of no more than $8,848,800 in Severance Tax Bonds for appropriation to the Board of Regents of Western New Mexico University for the following: (1) $5,403,000 for the design and construction of a center for information technology at WNMU; (2) $1,420,000 to design, renovate, or remodel the fine arts auditorium at WNMU; (3) $425,000 to purchase and improve property for additional parking and future expansion at WNMU; (4) $500,000 for the design, renovation and expansion of the child development center at Sechlar Hall at WNMU; (5) $571,000 for infrastructure renovation and expansion at WNMU; and $529,800 for the purpose of a regional extended learning initiative for WNMU's service areas. *Duplicates SB 417, WNMU Capital Projects, STB (Altamirano). Related to HB 872, Community-Based Learner Centers (Picraux) and HB 940, Extended Learning Projects, STB (Picraux).*

HB 153 **WNMU HEALTH PROGRAMS (Ryan)** - House Bill 153 appropriates $260,000 to Western New Mexico University to fund the nursing and occupational therapy programs. ***Passed House.***

HB 163 **UNM GALLUP GRADUATE CENTER (Pederson)** - House Bill 163 appropriates $50,000 to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for costs associated with establishing a graduate center at UNM-Gallup. ***Passed House.***

HB 181 **NMSU WATER BOOKLET (Porter)** - House Bill 181 appropriates $10,000 to New Mexico State University to publish a booklet on agricultural water conservation techniques. *Related to HB 344, Agriculture Water Booklet (Porter).*

HB 189sa **LOTTERY REVENUE DISTRIBUTION (JG Taylor)** - House Bill 189s (the House Education Committee substitute for House Bills 8, 18, 333, and 1025), as amended, creates a Lottery Tuition Trust Fund for which ten percent of net lottery revenue transfers are deposited and interest is earned. This corpus shall accrue interest until fiscal year 2003, at which time a maximum of five percent of the balance in the fund shall be distributed by the CHE to the eligible institutions. This distribution shall be in addition to annual disbursements from the Lottery Tuition Fund. HB 189 further earmarks 50 percent of net revenue lottery transfers for distribution to the public schools for Educational Technology Fund. (The remaining 40 percent net revenue lottery transfers will continue to be for distribution to the Lottery Tuition Fund.) HB 189 appropriates from the Lottery Tuition Fund to the CHE for distribution to eligible institutions. *Related to HB 747, Distribution of Lottery Revenue (Saavedra); SB 168, Lottery Tuition Fund Distribution (Sanchez); SB 184, Lottery Revenues for School Technology (Jennings); and SB 483, Lottery Revenue Distribution (Wilson).* ***Passed House.***

HB 202 **NMSU GODDARD HALL, STB (Porter)** - House Bill 202 authorizes the issuance of $2.6 million in Severance Tax Bonds to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University to renovate and improve Goddard Hall on the main campus of NMSU. *Duplicate of SB 126, NMSU Goddard Hall, STB (Nava).*

HB 206a **COMMUNITY COLLEGE HIGH TECH PROGRAMS (Salazar)** - House Bill 206, as amended, appropriates $500,000 in FY 98 to the Commission on Higher Education for the purpose of developing, expanding, and supporting broad-based entry-level technology training programs at the state's two year institutions of higher education. Funding is to be provided for instructors, laboratory development, equipment operation,

and maintenance support. Each institution receiving funding shall provide an equal amount of funding from a source other than the general fund. The House Education Committee amendment adds language requiring the development of a grant program, with a RFP process, by which the Commission on Higher Education shall distribute the bill's appropriation. ***Passed House.***

HB 207a **IN-PLANT TRAINING FOR AGRIBUSINESS (Salazar)** - House Bill 207, as amended by the House Appropriations and Finance Committee, amends the current statute regarding Industrial Development Training (In-Plant) to include the use of in-plant training funds for agribusiness. Agribusiness is defined as a business whose primary purpose is the production, processing or distribution of agricultural products. The HAFC adds language to include small businesses (defined as businesses with few than fifteen employees) as eligible for In Plant Training Funds. *Related to HB 846, State Job Training Preference (Abeyta) and SB 591, Job Training Programs Preference (Garcia).* ***Passed House.***

HB 237 **NMSU FARMINGTON AG SCIENCE CENTER (Townsend)** - House Bill 237 appropriates $151,000 to the New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service and $324,000 to the New Mexico State University Agricultural Experiment Station to expand the Agricultural Science Center in Farmington. *Duplicate of SB 261, NMSU Farmington Ag Science Center (Kysar).*

HB 253 **ALCALDE AG SCIENCE CENTER PROGRAMS (Salazar)** - House Bill 253 appropriates $200,000 to the Cooperative Extension Service at New Mexico State University to support the agricultural experiment station in Alcalde. *Duplicate of SB 478, Alcalde Ag Science Center (Cisneros).*

HB 258 **LIGHT POLLUTION REGULATION (Porter)** - House Bill 258 amends the Municipal Code to permit cities to pass ordinances that regulate light pollution that interferes with the operation of astronomical observatories in the state. *Related to HB 343, Light Pollution Study (Porter).*

HB 264a **SCHOOL-TO-WORK PROGRAM TAX CREDIT (Hobbs)** - House Bill 264, as amended, enacts a new section of the Income Tax Act, the "Job Mentorship Tax Credit," which encourages New Mexico businesses to hire youth participating in certified school to work (STW) programs. An employer may claim a credit equal to 50 percent of gross wages paid to up to ten qualified students for up to 320 hours of employment per student for a maximum of three taxable years per student. This is a pilot project and is limited to 1,000 qualified students. Any portion of the unused taxable credit may be carried forward for three taxable years. The total credit claimed by all members of a partnership or an association shall not exceed the maximum tax credit allowable. Section 2 of HB 264 outlines a new section of Corporation Income and Franchise Tax Act to include the same guidelines and definitions as those for the Income Tax Act. The bill does not include opportunities for mentorship for postsecondary students as allowable by STW Implementation Grant. The House Education Committee amendment adds language which clarifies more specifically who can qualify for a tax credit and how students will be certified (in a manner and form determined by the Secretary of Tax and Revenue) as participants in School To Work for tax credit purposes. The House Tax and Revenue Committee amendment 1) limits the amount of tax credit an employer can claim to $12,000 a year, 2) requires that the employer certify that the hiring of a student does not displace or replace a current student, 3) regulates the number of certificates that may be

issued by the superintendent of public instruction and defines the process of using certificates, and 4) delays the repeal of Sections 1 and 2 of the act until January 1, 1999. ***Passed House.***

HB 279 **CLAYTON LIVESTOCK CENTER (Mallory)** - House Bill 279 appropriates $71,000 to the New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service, and $112,000 to the New Mexico State University Agricultural Experiment Station programs to expand their activities at the Clayton Livestock Research Center. *Duplicate of SB 388, Clayton Livestock Research Center (Lyons).*

HB 280 **ERA PROVISIONAL MEMBER SERVICE CREDIT (MH Garcia)** - House Bill 280 would allow a provisional member of the Educational Retirement Act to acquire earned service-credit for periods of employment during which the member was exempted from coverage of the act. The bill requires that the member pay both the employee and administrative unit contributions, with interest, at the actuarial assumption rate established by the board. The bill also gives the administrative unit the option to pay its portion, along with interest, at the actuarial rate established by the board. ***Passed House.***

HB 283 **NATIONAL GUARD TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS (Knowles)** - House Bill 283 appropriates $700,000 to the Department of Military Affairs for the purpose of granting tuition scholarships to New Mexico residents who are active members of the New Mexico army national guard and air national guard. ***Passed House.***

HB 286 **NMSU DONA ANA FACILITIES, STB (MH Garcia)** - House Bill 286 authorizes the issuance of $3,345,000 in Severance Tax Bonds for appropriation to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University for the purpose of designing, constructing and equipping an Allied Health Facility, and for Phase II of the Border Area Satellite Facility of the Dona Ana Branch of NMSU in Sunland Park.

HB 328a **AMEND UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION LAW (Marquardt)** - House Bill 328 amends and enacts statutes relating to unemployment compensation. It requires that certain rates remain in effect until January 1, 1998. It allows the Secretary of the NM Labor Department to terminate the election of employers who the Secretary determines are not abiding by the terms of Unemployment Compensation Law. It requires notification of the Human Services Department of all persons filing an unemployment claim for purposes of child support obligations and food stamp eligibility. As amended, several definitions are removed. The bill specifically exempts from coverage corporation officers who are majority stockholders; nonresident aliens under Subparagraph F, J, or M of Section 101(a)((15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act; student nurses in the employ of a hospital or training school; interns in the employ of a hospital; and individuals who are direct sellers of newspapers. The effective date of the bill is July 1, 1997. ***Passed House.***

HB 333 **LOTTERY REVENUE DISTRIBUTION (Hobbs)** - House Bill 333 changes the disposition of lottery revenues for public schools to earmark 30 percent for capital outlay and 30 percent for educational technology. This bill differs from current legislation in that all net lottery revenues currently earmarked for public schools are allocated for capital outlay. This bill would allocate the revenues evenly between capital outlay and educational technology. ***Succeeded by HB 189s.***

HB 343 **LIGHT POLLUTION STUDY (Porter)** - House Bill 343 appropriates $50,000 to New Mexico State University to study the effects of light pollution on astronomical studies and to develop recommendations to improve the state's potential for economic development related to astronomy. *Related to HB 258, Light Pollution Regulation (Porter).* ***Passed House.***

HB 347a **VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY INITIATIVE (Gubbels)** - House Bill 347, as amended by the Senate Finance Committee, assigns the NM Commission on Higher Education the necessary responsibilities to carry out the purpose of the $100,000 appropriation contained in HB 2s to support New Mexico's participation in the Western Governors Association's Western Governors University (WGU) regional virtual university initiative. HB 347 also appropriates $2,564,200 to the CHE for the purpose of funding Instructional and General expenditures in FY 98 at the following institutions: (1) $170,200 to New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, (2) $781,000 to New Mexico State University, (3) $1,162,600 to the University of New Mexico, (4) $182,900 to Eastern New Mexico University, (5) $160,700 to New Mexico Highlands University, and (6) $106,800 to Western New Mexico University. ***Passed House.***

HB 360 **UNM HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER PROGRAMS (Abeyta)** - House Bill 360 would appropriate $503,000 to the University of New Mexico for start-up funds for doctor of pharmacy (PharmD) program and $100,000 for library acquisitions at the Health Sciences Center. *Related to HB 2, General Appropriations Act of 1997 (Coll).*

HB 361a **UNM HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER PROJECTS (Salazar)** - House Bill 361, as amended, would appropriate $800,000 to the University of New Mexico for expenditure in five different programs at the Health Sciences Center: (1) $200,000 for the Center for Population Health; (2) $200,000 for the certified nurse-midwifery program; (3) $200,000 for the telemedicine program; (4) $50,000 for nursing distance education; and (5) $150,000 for the area health education programs. *Related to SB 13, Nursing Distance Education Program (Howes) and HB 2, General Appropriations Act of 1997 (Coll).* ***Passed House.***

HB 372 **TELEVISION EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT (Olguin)** - House Bill 372 appropriates $410,000 to the Educational Television Equipment Replacement Fund to replace obsolete television equipment at the state's three public television stations: KNME-TV (Albuquerque), KENW-TV (Portales), and KRWG-TV (Las Cruces).

HB 386 **HIGHER ED BOARDS & EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS (Picraux)** - House Bill 386 amends Sections 21-1-17 and 21-1-35 NMSA 1978 to allow board members and staff of institutions of higher education to have an interest in a contract or transaction with that institution if the interest is consistent with the Governmental Conduct Act and is awarded pursuant to the Procurement Code. Board members and staff are currently prohibited from having any business dealings with the institutions they serve. The penalty for any interest is a fine up to $1,000 and up to one year of imprisonment in a state penitentiary. *Related to HB 121, Employee Interest in Contracts (Picraux).*

HB 387 **HIGHER ED PARKING PROVISION (Picraux)** - House Bill 387 amends the Air Quality Control Act to require vehicles carrying parking permits issued by a higher education institution to be in compliance with any vehicle emission and inspection program

operating within the jurisdiction where the institution is located. Local vehicle emission requirements are extended to certain commuters from other communities. Responsibility for enforcement of the amendment is not addressed. ***Failed House.***

HB 394 **UNM GOLF COURSE, STB (Saavedra)** - House Bill 394 authorizes the issuance of $50,000 in Severance Tax Bonds for appropriation to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico to make improvements to the UNM championship south golf course. ***Succeeded by HB 23s.***

HB 397 **NMHU DOUGLAS SCHOOL, STB (Vigil)** - House Bill 397 appropriates $3,800,000 to the Regents of New Mexico Highlands University for the purpose of renovating and expanding the Douglas School property. This property is listed on the National Register for Historic Places. *Duplicate of SB 129, NMHU Douglas School, STB (Campos).*

HB 398 **NMHU SOCIAL WORK BUILDING, STB (Vigil)** - House Bill 398 authorizes the issuance of $6,400,000 in Severance Tax Bonds for New Mexico Highlands University for the purpose of designing and constructing a social work building at NMHU in San Miguel County. *Duplicate of SB 127, NMHU Social Work Building, STB (Campos).*

HB 407a **UNM MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING PROGRAM (Picraux)** - House Bill 407, as amended, would appropriate $475,000 to the University of New Mexico for the purpose of supporting the manufacturing training and technology center clean room and semiconductor manufacturing process training. The amendment also makes the appropriation contingent upon $1.5 million in equipment donations from industry. *Duplicate of SB 367, UNM Manufacturing Engineering Program (McSorley).*

HB 408 **UNM BIOMECHANICS CENTER (King)** - House Bill 408 would appropriate $446,300 to the University of New Mexico for the purpose of establishing a Center for Biomechanics. The Center would provide specialized training for orthopedic surgeons and therapists and improve clinical care opportunities for patients with musculoskeletal disorders. *Related to HJM 71, UNM Biomechanics Center (Salazar).* ***Passed House.***

HB 413 **NMSU MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING, STB (JP Taylor)** - House Bill 413 authorizes the issuance of $17,350,000 in Severance Tax Bonds for appropriation to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University to design, construct and equip a building to house classrooms, labs, and offices.

HB 420a **NMSVH BOARD OF REGENTS (Hobbs)** - House Bill 420, as amended, amends Article 5 of Section 21 of NMSA 1978 to change the composition of the Board of Trustees (changed to Regents) for the New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped (NMSVH). The Board of Regents would include at least one visually handicapped individual and at least one parent of a visually handicapped child. *Related to SB 501, School for Visually Handicapped Regents (Nava).* ***Passed House.***

HB 436 **NMIMT GOLF COURSE, STB (Olguin)** - HB 436 authorizes the issuance of $30,000 in Severance Tax Bonds for appropriation to the Board of Regents of the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology to make improvements to the NMIMT golf course.

HB 452a **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PARENTAL LEAVE (Trujillo)** - House Bill 452 enacts parental leave for public and private employees. Each parent would be given eight hours per child per

school year to attend non-athletic school events. Parental leave applies only to parents of children in public schools. A child is defined as a natural, adopted or foster child; a stepchild; or a legal ward. ***Failed House.***

HB 465 **WATER PURCHASE & STORAGE (Rodella)** - House Bill 465 authorizes the issuance of $90,000 in Severance Tax Bonds to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University for the purchasing and storing of San Juan - Chama water or flood water for the Rio de Chama acequias to assist in the economic development of Rio Arriba County.

HB 476 **AMEND CHARTER SCHOOLS ACT (Madalena)** - House Bill 476 amends the Charter Schools Act to include Bureau of Indian Affairs Schools, to remove the restriction on the number of charter schools allowed, and to change the criteria for the establishment of a charter school. Charter schools are authorized by the State Board of Education to develop and implement alternative educational curriculum and to utilize a school-based budget. This bill requires charter schools to develop bylaws to elect a community school board with full authority of a school district, even if the charter school is included in an existing school district. The community board would operate the school and the local school board would maintain oversight.

HB 488 **NMSU ALAMOGORDO, STB (Marquardt)** - House Bill 488 authorizes the issuance of $3,500,000 in Severance Tax Bonds for appropriation to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University to design, construct and equip an addition to the multipurpose facility at NMSU-Alamogordo. *Duplicate of SB 1013, NMSU Alamogordo Facility, STB (Duran).*

HB 492 **MEDICAL INVESTIGATOR EXPENSES (Lovejoy)** - House Bill 492 would appropriate $150,000 to the Office of the Medical Investigator at the University of New Mexico for the purpose of paying expenses incurred while performing duties in Indian country within New Mexico.

HB 500 **ANIMAL CRUELTY PENALTY (McSherry)** - House Bill 500 amends Sections 30-18-1 and 30-18-2 NMSA 1978 to increase the criminal penalties for cruelty to animals, to provide for the seizure of animals, and to provide for situations in which these provisions would not apply. These situation include legal hunting and fishing, the practice of veterinary medicine, rodent or pest control, commonly acceptable livestock management, commonly acceptable rodeo practices, and research conducted at research facilities. The activities of university researchers would not be considered cruelty to animals.

HB 506 **AMEND HUMAN RIGHTS ACT (Trujillo)** - House Bill 506 amends the Human Rights Act to prohibit discrimination against any person for his/her actual or perceived sexual orientation. The bill adds a new section prohibiting the adoption or implementation of quotas on the basis of sexual orientation. This applies to employers, housing, financial assistance, and participation in nonpublic service organizations. The effective date is July 1, 1997.

HB 509 **RURAL ADULT EDUCATION (JP Taylor)** - House Bill 509 appropriates $150,000 in FY 98 to the State Department of Education to provide or contract for expansion of the Adult Basic Education Program in rural areas of the state. The bill provides for one FTE to administer Adult Basic Education Programs, in general.

HB 519 **UNM VALENCIA CENTER, STB (Gentry)** - House Bill 519 authorizes the issuance of $300,000 in Severance Tax Bonds to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for planning, designing and constructing a Community and Student Center at UNM-Valencia.

HB 531 **POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS GROUP INSURANCE (Knowles)** - House Bill 531 amends the Group Insurance Cafeteria Plan statute to specifically exclude from participation political subdivisions with twenty-five employees or less. It would also allow such political subdivisions to contribute up to one hundred percent of the cost of insurance. The effective date is July 1, 1997. *Conflicts with HB 291, Education Employees Group Insurance (Lujan).* ***Passed House.***

HB 541 **SJC ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, STB (Townsend)** - House Bill 541 authorizes $642,000 in Severance Tax Bonds to San Juan College to install and upgrade a campus Energy Management System. ***Succeeded by HB 23s.***

HB 545 **SJC WELLNESS CENTER, STB (Sandel)** - House Bill 545 authorizes $1,200,000 in Severance Tax Bonds to San Juan College for the Wellness Center.

HB 551 **ASSAULT & BATTERY AGAINST STATE EMPLOYEES (Saavedra)** - House Bill 551 enacts a new section in the Criminal Code to define crimes involving assault or battery against state employees. The bill mirrors the language in Section 30-3-9 NMSA 1978, which describes crimes against school employees, and provides penalties. The crimes described are identical, and the penalties are the same with one exception; the penalty for aggravated assault upon a school employee is a third degree felony, while the same crime committed against a state employee is a fourth degree felony.

HB 552 **WEAPONS ON STATE PREMISES (Saavedra)** - House Bill 552 makes it illegal to carry a deadly weapon on state premises, including campuses of postsecondary institutions, except by police or private security officers or persons over the age of nineteen who have the weapon in a private vehicle for protection. *Related to SB 242, Deadly Weapons on State Premises (Macias).*

HB 564 **SCHOOLS SATELLITE EQUIPMENT, STB (Vigil)** - House Bill 564 authorizes the issuance of no more than $549,000 in Severance Tax Bonds to the Board of Regents of New Mexico Highlands University. The purpose of this appropriation is to purchase satellite equipment to interconnect Luna Vocational Technical Institute, San Juan College, Santa Fe Community College, Northern New Mexico Community College, and 27 public school districts in four regional clusters with New Mexico Highlands University and to expand upon the development of regional resources through these various partnerships in telecommunications technology. *Duplicate of SB 524, NMHU Satellite Equipment, STB (Campos). Related to HB 872, Community-Based Learner Centers (Picraux) and HB 940, Extended Learning Projects, STB (Picraux).*

HB 576 **SJC WEST CENTER AT KIRTLAND, STB (Garnenez)** - House Bill 576 authorizes the issuance of $152,000 in Severance Tax Bonds to the Governing Board of San Juan College for campus improvements at the West Center at Kirtland, located in San Juan County. ***Succeeded by HB23s.***

HB 578 **ENMU ROSWELL & NMMI PROJECTS, STB (Knowles)** - House Bill 578 authorizes the issuance of $3,500,000 in Severance Tax Bonds for capital improvements at the Roswell Branch of Eastern New Mexico University and the New Mexico Military Institute, located in Chaves County. $1,600,000 is appropriated to the Board of Regents at Eastern New Mexico University to remodel, construct, equip and furnish an addition to the Instructional Center at the Roswell Branch. $1,900,000 is appropriated to the Board of Regents of the New Mexico Military Institute to renovate and upgrade Wilson Hall. *Related to SB 655, ENMU Roswell Campus, STB (Jennings).* ***Succeeded by HB23s.***

HB 593a **UNM MINORITY PROGRAM (SM Williams)** - House Bill 593 would appropriate $150,000 to the University of New Mexico for the Minorities in Engineering, Math & Science (MEMS) program, which provides undergraduate minority students with academic support services, encourages academic excellence and improves retention rates. ***Passed House.***

HB 615a **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT ACT (Roberts)** - House Bill 615, as amended by the House Government and Urban Affairs Committee, enacts the Workforce Development Department Act; creates a new cabinet department; abolishes some governmental entities; makes appropriations; and provides for transfers of appropriations, funds, functions, and property. It amends, repeals, and enacts sections of the NMSA 1978. The Workforce Development Department is created to administer workforce and welfare programs. The department is to administer all laws and functions currently administered by the Labor Department; the Human Services Department; the Youth Conservation Corps of the Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department; the Occupational Health and Safety Bureau of the Environment Department; and the Americorps Unit of the Children, Youth and Families Department. Administratively attached to the new department are the Human Rights Commission, the Labor and Industrial Commission, the Workforce Development Board, the New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps Commission, the Occupational Health and Safety Review Commission, the New Mexico Office of Indian Affairs, and the Commission on the Status of Women. The effective date of the bill is July 1, 1998. *Duplicate of SB 429, Workforce Development Department Act (Duran).*

HB 624a **DISPOSITION OF PUBLIC PROPERTY (Townsend)** - House Bill 624, as amended, changes the Procurement Code regarding disposition of personal property. It provides that each agency shall designate a committee of three staff to approve and oversee disposition. The amendment allows for donation of property to a charitable organization if the agency is unable to dispose of the property in any other way listed in the statute. The bill would also allow an agency to destroy property. The House Government and Urban Affairs Committee amendment establishes additional methods through which a state agency may dispose of obsolete property. HB 624 also provides that no property is to go to any employees or relatives of employees, unless through a public auction. *Conflicts with HB 58, Disposal of State Property (Madalena).* ***Passed House.***

HB 634 **CROWNPOINT INSTITUTE SECURITY (Lovejoy)** - House Bill 634 appropriates $7,500 from the general fund to the New Mexico Office of Indian Affairs for a library security system at Crownpoint Institute of Technology.

HB 638a **AMEND INMATE LITERACY ACT (Getty)** - House Bill 638, as amended, makes several amendments of an existing statute mandating educational programs in correctional

institutions. Under the existing statute, inmates who do not have a high school diploma or GED are expected to participate in educational programs until they reach that standard. Most significantly, HB 638 extends that mandate to a postsecondary level: inmates who do not have an associate's degree or a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution are expected to participate in vocational education programs approved by the NM State Department of Education (which are currently offered by New Mexico two-year institutions). Failure to participate in either of these programs results in an inmate's ineligibility for good-time reductions of sentence served and ineligibility for monetary compensation for work performed; thus, the likelihood of participation is strong. (HB 638 also removes some previous exemptions from the high-school-equivalency education requirement, makes some technical clean-up of the statute, and clarifies that these mandatory education programs would be required in any correctional facilities operated by a private company contracting with the state.) The House Judiciary Committee amendment of HB 638 appears to be one of clarification: the result appears to be to clarify the expectations that inmates will obtain the equivalent of a high school diploma and that they also will participate in approved vocational education programs at the postsecondary level. ***Passed House.***

HB 650sa **CLOVIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE, STB (Crook)** - The House Taxation and Revenue Committee substitute for House Bill 650, as amended, appropriates $200,000 from the general fund to the Board of Trustees of Clovis Community College. The purpose of this authorization is to make improvements to, and expand, the educational television system at CCC. *Related to HB 872, Community-Based Learner Centers (Picraux) and HB 940, Extended Learning Projects, STB (Picraux).* ***Passed House.***

HB 652 **EDUCATION TRUST ACT (Porter)** - House Bill 652 provides for the Prepaid Tuition Plan and enacts the NM Education Trust Act and Fund. Contributors to the Fund can enroll only in one of the six public post-secondary universities in New Mexico. The Education Trust Board membership includes eight individuals appointed by the Governor and the State Treasurer. HB 652 outlines the Board duties and administrative requirements for implementation. Amounts contributed to the fund shall not be state taxable and can be refunded if contracts are terminated. Earnings in the fund are taxable to the contributor. For terminated contracts, the principle plus four percent of interest earnings shall be returned to the contributor. This bill would only allow contributions to cover the cost associated with tuition, not the other costs of education (i.e. fees, books, room and board, etc.). *Related to HB 563, Education Trust Act (Sanchez) and SB 677, Prepaid Tuition Study (Kidd).*

HB 657 **NMHU SCIENCE BUILDING, STB (Vigil)** - House Bill 657 authorizes the issuance of $10,000,000 in Severance Tax Bonds to the Board of Regents of New Mexico Highlands University to renovate and expand the Lora Mangum Shield Science Building. *Duplicate of SB 128, NMHU Science Building, STB (Campos).*

HB 663 **UNM LOS ALAMOS BUILDING, STB (Wallace)** - House Bill 663 authorizes the issuance of $487,500 in Severance Tax Bonds to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for a Student Services Building addition at the Los Alamos Branch. ***Succeeded by HB 23s.***

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HB 664 **UNM VIOLENCE & SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS (Miera)** - House Bill 664 would appropriate $100,000 to the University of New Mexico for the purpose of expanding the Substance Abuse program. *Related to HB 2, General Appropriations Act of 1997 (Coll).*

HB 673 **SJC COMPUTER SCIENCE BUILDING, STB (Carpenter)** - House Bill 673 authorizes $840,000 in Severance Tax Bonds to San Juan Community College for improvements to the shelled area of the Computer Science Building. ***Succeeded by HB 23s.***

HB 685 **COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES PROJECTS, STB (Sanchez)** - House Bill 685 authorizes a total of $9,814,500 in Severance Tax Bonds to renovate infrastructure and expand aging centralized systems on the campuses of state colleges and universities. The following appropriations are included: (1) $2.9 million to the University of New Mexico, (2) $1.25 million to Eastern NM University, (3) $500,000 to NM Highlands University, (4) $800,000 to NM Institute of Mining and Technology, (5) $2 million to NM State University, (6) $100,00 to NMSU-Alamogordo branch, (7) $225,000 to NMSU-Dona Ana branch, (8) $800,000 to Western NM University, (9) $597,000 to Northern New Mexico Community College, (10) $392,500 to Clovis Community College, and (11) $250,000 to NM Junior College. *Related to SB 685, ENMU Capital Projects, STB (Ingle) and HB 1117, ENMU Capital Projects (Roberts).* ***Succeeded by HB 23s.***

HB 703 **NMJC TRANSPORTATION TRAINING CENTER, STB (Whitaker)** - House Bill 703 authorizes $500,000 in Severance Tax Bonds to New Mexico Junior College for constructing and equipping the Transportation Training Center. ***Succeeded by HB 23s.***

HB 728 **ESTANCIA GROUNDWATER EQUIPMENT (King)** - House Bill 728 appropriates $65,000 to New Mexico Tech to purchase equipment necessary to monitor Estancia groundwater basin in Torrance County. *Related to HJM 51, Alternative Wastewater Treatment (Gubbels).*

HB 747 **DISTRIBUTION OF STATE LOTTERY REVENUE (Saavedra)** - House Bill 747 creates the Public School Extracurricular Activities Fund and earmarks 60 percent of the net lottery revenues to this Fund - in lieu of public school critical capital outlay Fund. This fund shall be administered by the State Department of Education. Monies in the fund shall be solely for establishing and conducting extracurricular activities for middle school and junior high school students. Funds could be used for matching purposes with other sources available for the same purpose. This bill differs from current law in that all net lottery revenues currently earmarked for public schools are allocated for capital outlay. The Lottery Tuition Fund shall continue to receive 40 percent of the net lottery revenue distribution. *Duplicates SB 483, Lottery Revenue Distribution (Wilson). Related to HB 8, Lottery Revenue Distribution (Vigil); HB 18, Lottery Revenues Distribution (Silva); HB 189, Lottery Revenue Distribution (JC Taylor); HB 333, Lottery Revenue Distribution (Hobbs); SB 168, Lottery Tuition Fund Distribution (Sanchez); and SB 184, Lottery Revenues for School Technology (Jennings).*

HB 749a **UNM AFRO-AMERICAN GRADUATE PROGRAM (SM Williams)** - House Bill 749, as amended by the House Education Committee, appropriates $75,000 to the University of New Mexico to implement an African-American graduate education enhancement program.

HB 750 — **UNM YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (SM Williams)** - House Bill 750 would appropriate $100,000 to the University of New Mexico for the purpose of funding the African-American student services youth enrichment program. ***Passed House.***

HB 770 — **MESA TECHNICAL COLLEGE (Mallory)** - House Bill 770 seeks to reauthorize funding appropriated to Mesa Technical College to plan and design a child development facility in 1995. The funding would instead be used for facility improvements to comply with federal ADA requirements. *Duplicate of SB 387, Mesa Technical College (Lyons).*

HB 781a — **AMEND PROCUREMENT CODE (Larranaga)** - House Bill 781, as amended by the House Judiciary Committee, amends the Procurement Code at the recommendation of a Procurement Code Task Force that has been meeting for eighteen months regarding revisions that reflect modern purchasing practices. These changes were reviewed during the interim by the Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee. Of particular interest to the Commission on Higher Education and institutions of higher education are the changes proposed to the sections dealing with construction projects. The effective date of the bill is July 1, 1997. *Related to HB 1031, Education Facilities Minimum Wage (Macko).*

HB 789 — **DISTANCE LEARNING EQUIPMENT, STB (Salazar)** - House Bill 789 authorizes $421,246 in Severance Tax Bonds for appropriation to the Commission on Higher Education to match a federal grant obtained by the Northern New Mexico Network for Rural Education to purchase and install equipment for satellite-delivered distance learning systems to create a statewide distance learning network. *Companion to HB 790, Training for Distance Learning (Salazar). Related to HB 872, Community-Based Learner Centers (Picraux) and HB 940, Extended Learning Projects, STB (Picraux).*

HB 790 — **TRAINING FOR DISTANCE LEARNING (Salazar)** - House Bill 790 appropriates $100,000 from the general fund to the Commission on Higher Education to provide administrator and teacher training for distance learning system operation related to a federal grant initiative of the Northern New Mexico Network for Rural Education, in collaboration with the University of New Mexico, New Mexico Highlands University, and Northern New Mexico Community College. *Companion to HB 789, Distance Learning Equipment, STB (Salazar).*

HB 799 — **NMSU AGGIE STADIUM, STB (Olguin)** - House Bill 799 authorizes $750,000 in Severance Tax Bonds to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University for Phase One of the remodel, expansion and improvement of the Aggie Memorial Stadium.

HB 805 — **NMSU MANUFACTURING CENTER (McSherry)** - House Bill 805 appropriates $400,000 to New Mexico State University to expand the Manufacturing Sector Development Program at NMSU's Advanced Manufacturing Center.

HB 811a — **LEGAL SERVICES ASSISTANCE ACT (Beam)** - House Bill 811, as amended by the House Judiciary Committee, enacts the Public Legal Services Assistance Act and creates a fund with an initial appropriation of $30,000 from the general fund. This legislation creates a loan repayment program for graduates of the University of New Mexico School of Law whose primary employment duty is to provide legal services for the care and maintenance of indigent persons. In return for such "service" the Commission on Higher Education will, with this fund, repay all or a portion of the loan debt accumulated by the

participant during law school. The Commission may adopt regulations and procedures, including penalties for non-compliance, to implement provisions of this Act.

HB 817 **MULTI-YEAR JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS (Miera)** - House Bill 817 amends Section 6-6-12 NMSA 1978 to add to the list of exemptions from the Bateman Act, multi-year joint powers agreements that promote or protect the general health, safety and welfare of local public bodies. The Bateman Act forbids local public bodies from becoming indebted during a current fiscal year for which it cannot pay out of collections belonging to that fiscal year. Technical-vocational institutes are considered local public bodies for purposes of public finances. ***Passed House.***

HB 818 **ENMU RECRUITMENT PROGRAM (Crook)** - House Bill 818 appropriates $50,550 to Eastern New Mexico University to expand a student-based recruiting and marketing program to increase the number of freshmen attending the institution annually.

HB 845a **COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER ACT (Abeyta)** - House Bill 845, as amended, enables the creation of Community Service Centers. A Community Service Center is a program managed by a council for the purpose of facilitating the delivery of educational programs and governmental services not otherwise locally available to the community and the adjacent area, through a relationship with a lead higher education institution. Centers are not considered higher education institutions, and students taking courses through centers are deemed students of the respective institutions providing programs and courses through the center. Centers are governed by a council composed of public school superintendents, or their designees, of participating public school districts. The local school board of each participating school district is authorized to levy property taxes to support the center, if necessary. Centers are not eligible for capital funding except for equipment purchases, and they are not eligible for recurrent operational funding. The House Education Committee amendments include replacing the word "articulation" with "matriculation" in the definition of student services and removing the exemption from the rate limitation provision (yield control) of the tax code. *Related to HB 1132, Higher Education Institutions (Olguin).*

HB 846a **STATE JOB TRAINING PREFERENCE (Abeyta)** - House Bill 846, as amended, gives preference to recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in all state job training programs, including Federal Job Training Partnership Act Programs until July 1, 2000, unless prohibited by federal law or unless it is inconsistent with federal requirements for obtaining funding for the job training program. *Duplicates SB 591, Job Training Programs Preference (Garcia). Related to HB 207, In-Plant Training for Agribusiness (Salazar) and HB 512, Amend Development Training (Sanchez).* ***Passed House.***

HB 872 **COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNER CENTERS (Picraux)** - House Bill 872 appropriates $941,660 from the general fund to the Extended Learning Fund. This appropriation is for expenditure over three years to create or expand community-based learner centers throughout the state, developing regional consortia linking groups of secondary schools, local two-year educational institutions, four-year educational institutions and other educational agencies. It is also to expand the use of technology by universities and colleges to provide instruction targeted at state-level and regional needs. The specific projects included within this general fund request are: (1) Electronic Distance Education Network (EDEN) ($213,396); (2) NM State University-Alamogordo branch ($149,120); (3)

Northern NM Community College ($253,114); (4) Santa Fe Community College ($67,700); (5) Western NM University ($124,800); (6) NM Association of Community College ($3,600); (7) NM Highlands University ($75,100); (8) NM State University ($24,000); and (9) NM State University ($30,830). *Companion to HB 940, Extended Learning Projects, STB (Picraux). Related to HB 152, WNMU Capital Projects, STB (Ryan); HB 564, Schools Satellite Equipment, STB (Vigil); HB 650, Clovis Community College, STB (Crook); HB 789, Distance Learning Equipment, STB (Salazar); SB 417, WNMU Capital Projects, STB (Altamirano); SB 524, NMHU Satellite Equipment, STB (Campos); SB 712, NNMSS Library Automation, STB (Rodarte); and SB 1052, Curry County Projects, STB (Ingle).*

HB 898 **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD (WC Williams)** - House Bill 898 enacts the creation of the Workforce Development Board and defines its powers and duties. The membership of the Board will include representation from education, business and industry, organized labor, welfare, public housing, local government, State Legislature, and other groups of which the Governor determines to have a direct interest in the utilization of human resources within the state or special knowledge about special education and career development needs of hard-to-serve individuals. Duties of the Board include the development, coordination and implementation of a ten year comprehensive Workforce Development Plan to be updated annually. The plan will include workforce development activities of all state agencies and will include recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor on workforce training and education programs in the state. The Board will also prepare a five year strategic plan to implement the specific goals, objectives and policies of the state. The Board will also develop a method of evaluating the attainment and monitoring of the goals/objectives of both plans; it will advise the governor, perform duties/functions prescribed for existing state councils. The Board will provide policy advice regarding workforce development, on ways to reduce administrative barriers, and on methods for integrating the federal initiatives into the state workforce development system. Staff support for the Board shall be provided by the Department of Labor. This act takes effect on July 1, 1997. *Duplicate of SB 710, Workforce Development Board (Wilson).*

HB 920 **TEACHING OF GEOGRAPHY (Stewart)** - House Bill 920 appropriates $75,000 to the Commission on Higher Education to provide "summer institutes and ongoing assistance" to New Mexico teachers of geography. The appropriation is contingent upon matching funds and a donation of material from the National Geographic Society. *Duplicate of HB 1285, Teaching of Geography (Miera).* ***Passed House.***

HB 936 **ENMU CULTURAL AWARENESS PROGRAM (Johnson)** - House Bill 936 appropriates $30,000 to Eastern New Mexico University to continue and maintain the cultural awareness program Students and Legislators Supporting Awareness (SALSA). SALSA is a project sponsored by the Associated Students of ENMU.

HB 940 **EXTENDED LEARNING PROJECTS, STB (Picraux)** - House Bill 940 authorizes a total of $3,119,462 in Severance Tax Bonds for Extended Learning Fund projects at eight postsecondary institutions throughout the state. The specific projects included within this funding request are: (1) Eastern New Mexico University ($721,500); (2) The University of New Mexico on behalf of the Electronic Distance Education Network (EDEN) ($307,500); (3) NM Highlands University ($324,000); (4) NM State University-Alamogordo branch ($239,462); (5) Northern NM Community College ($285,700); (6) Santa Fe Community

College ($523,600); (7) Western NM University ($405,000); and (8) The NM Commission of Higher Education on behalf of the NM Association of Community College ($312,700). *Companion to HB 872, Community-Based Learner Centers (Picraux); HB 1051, Dental Hygiene Education Consortium (Sandel); and SB 994, Dental Hygiene Education Consortium (Nava). Related to HB 152, WNMU Capital Projects, STB (Ryan); HB 564, Schools Satellite Equipment, STB (Vigil); HB 650, Clovis Community College, STB (Crook); HB 789, Distance Learning Equipment, STB (Salazar); HB 1081, District 42 Capital Projects, STB (Gonzales); SB 417, WNMU Capital Projects, STB (Altamirano); SB 524, NMHU Satellite Equipment, STB (Campos); SB 712, NNMSS Library Automation, STB (Rodarte); SB 1052, Curry County Projects, STB (Ingle); and SB 1179, Higher Ed Info Network (Macias).*

HB 952 — **DISTRICT 15 CAPITAL PROJECTS, STB (Sanchez)** - House Bill 952 authorizes the issuance of $1,000,000 in Severance Tax Bonds to the University of New Mexico for planning, designing and constructing a criminalistic laboratory.

HB 963a — **T-VI WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER OPERATION (Hobbs)** - House Bill 963, as amended, appropriates $350,000 to the Governing Board of Albuquerque Technical Vocational Institute for operational costs of the Workforce Development Center. The House Education Committee amendment also requires that equal matching funds be provided locally.

HB 964 — **T-VI WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER, STB (Hobbs)** - House Bill 964 authorizes the issuance of $4,000,000 of Severance Tax Bonds. Proceeds for the sale of the bonds are appropriated to Albuquerque TVI to design, construct, furnish, and equip the Work Force Training Center.

HB 1015 — **SANTA FE CAPITAL PROJECTS, STB (Coll)** - Section 4 of House Bill 1015 authorizes $500,000 in Severance Tax Bonds to the New Mexico School for the Deaf for campus improvements in Santa Fe County. Section 5 of HB 1015 authorizes $2,000,000 to Santa Fe Community College to plan, design, construct, and equip an instructional technology center. *Duplicate of HB 1032, Deaf School Projects, STB (Varela) and SB 717, Santa Fe Community College, STB (Maes). Related to SB 609, NM School for Deaf Roofs, STB (Nava).* ***Succeeded by HB 23s.***

HB 1016 — **MEDICAL INVESTIGATOR LAB, STB (Beam)** - House Bill 1016 authorizes $200,000 in Severance Tax Bonds for planning and design of a new facility for the Office of the Medical Investigator and the State Crime Laboratory located at the University of New Mexico campus in Bernalillo County.

HB 1025 — **LOTTERY TUITION TRUST FUND (Rodella)** - House Bill 1025 creates a Lottery Tuition Trust Fund for which 10 percent of net lottery revenue transfers are deposited and interest is earned. This corpus shall accrue interest until fiscal year 2003, at which time a maximum of 5 percent of the balance in the fund shall be distributed by the Commission on Higher Education (CHE) to the eligible institutions. This distribution shall be in addition to annual disbursements from the Lottery Tuition Fund. HB 1025 further earmarks 50 percent of net revenue lottery transfers for distribution to the public schools for the Instructional Material Fund. (The remaining 40 percent of net revenue lottery transfers will continue to be for distribution to the Lottery Tuition Fund.) HB 1025

appropriates from the Lottery Tuition Fund to the CHE for distribution to eligible institutions and repeals the sunset date of July 1999 for all current fund distributions. ***Succeeded by HB 189s.***

HB 1031 **EDUCATION FACILITIES MINIMUM WAGE (Macko)** - House Bill 1031 amends the Public Works Minimum Wage Act to exclude the construction, alteration, demolition, or repair of primary, secondary, or post-secondary educational buildings or facilities. Projects in excess of $20,000 for any other state or political subdivision requiring the employment of mechanics or laborers must pay a stated minimum wage for various classes of laborers and mechanics. Provisions for the determination of the minimum wage for the various classes by the director of labor and the industrial division of the labor department are included in the bill. The bill also states that laborers and mechanics working on these projects must be paid at least weekly. *Conflicts with SB 678, Public Works Minimum Wage (Vernon). Related to HB 781, Amend Procurement Code (Larranaga).*

HB 1032 **DEAF SCHOOL PROJECTS, STB (Varela)** - *Duplicate of HB 1015, Santa Fe Capital Projects, STB (Coll); see above. Related to SB 609, NM School for Deaf Roofs, STB (Nava).*

HB 1034 **EDUCATOR PRACTICES & STANDARDS ACT (Trujillo)** - House Bill 1034 removes from the State Board of Education the authority and responsibility for licensure of teachers and other school personnel and establishes a new "Educator Practices and Standards Board" for this purpose. The new board is comprised of 11 members appointed by the Governor (from lists of candidates proposed by two teacher unions and by the deans of the colleges of education), with confirmation by the Senate: Nine members are to be licensed educators (subject to further specifications in the bill), one is to be a teacher education faculty member from a state institution accredited by NCATE, and one is to represent the public. The bill also establishes an annual fee structure to help support teacher licensure processes. Of interest to teacher preparation programs, the bill retains current statutory course requirements for teacher education. The bill appropriates $200,000 to fund the new board. *Duplicate of SB 1200, Educator Practices & Standards Act (Rodriguez).*

HB 1037a **CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM MODEL (Trujillo)** - House Bill 1037, as amended, appropriates $150,000 from the general fund to the Santa Fe Community College to develop an integrated child-care program model. *Duplicate of SB 938, SFCC Child Care Program Model (Rodriguez).*

HB 1039 **EDUCATION REFORM PLANNING (Trujillo)** - House Bill 1039 appropriates $180,000 from the general fund to the Community College Board of Santa Fe Community College. The purpose of the appropriation is to enable the Institute for Intercultural Community Leadership at the community college to conduct joint planning and problem solving for educational reform with Santa Fe Public Schools. *Duplicate of SB 937, SFCC Institute of Intercultural Leadership (Rodriguez).*

HB 1051 **DENTAL HYGIENE EDUCATION CONSORTIUM (Sandel)** - House Bill 1051 appropriates $92,000 from the general fund to the Commission on Higher Education for the purpose of developing a dental hygiene education consortium to serve rural New Mexico. The New Mexico Association of Community Colleges applied to the Commission on Higher Education, on behalf of Clovis Community College, NMSU-Dona

Ana, New Mexico Junior College, and San Juan College, for funding as a Research and Public Service Project. *Duplicates SB 994, Dental Hygiene Education Consortium (Nava). Companion to HB 940, Extended Learning Projects, STB (Picraux).*

HB 1052a **WELFARE RECIPIENTS TRAINING PROGRAM (Sandel)** - House Bill 1052, as amended, appropriates $350,000 to the Human Services Department to establish a Statewide Model Training Program for welfare recipients. That program would address regional job availability, support services, individual assessment, skills training and placement. The amendment appoints San Juan College to establish, through a contract, a values-based statewide training program for welfare recipients. ***Passed House.***

HB 1075 **RATITE INDUSTRY PROGRAMS (McSherry)** - House Bill 1075 appropriates $150,000 to New Mexico State University to provide education and research for the ratite industry. (Ratites are the species of flat breasted birds including ostriches, emus, etc.) This bill asks NMSU to conduct research and provide education for the growing number of ratite producers in the state.

HB 1077 **FUSION ENERGY LABORATORY (Salazar)** - House Bill 1077 appropriates $245,000 to New Mexico State University to enable the College of Engineering to conduct research and other activities related to the acquisition of federal funds to establish a fusion energy lab. *Duplicate of SB 358, Fusion Energy Lab Research (Rodarte).*

HB 1081 **DISTRICT 42 CAPITAL PROJECTS, STB (Gonzales)** - Section 11 of House Bill 1081 authorizes $50,000 in Severance Tax Bonds to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico. The purpose of this is to provide vocational equipment and T-1 communications line equipment at the Taos Instructional Center. *Related to HB 940, Extended Learning Projects, STB (Picraux).*

HB 1111 **T-VI SOUTH VALLEY FACILITY, STB (JG Taylor)** - House Bill 1111 authorizes $1,700,000 in Severance Tax Bonds. Proceeds are appropriated to Albuquerque Technical-Vocational Institute to renovate its south valley campus located at the former Pajarito Elementary School. *Duplicate of SB 410, T-VI South Valley, STB (Aragon).*

HB 1114 **ENMU TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS (Roberts)** - House Bill 1114 appropriates $155,000 from the general fund to Eastern New Mexico University for the following: (1) conduct a feasibility analysis and plan for administrative computing; (2) purchase and install financial aid software; (3) purchase and install computer hardware and software for the math and science department; and (4) prepare the Jack Williamson collection for microform. *Duplicate of SB 686, ENMU Computer Systems (Ingle).* ***Failed House.***

HB 1117 **ENMU CAPITAL PROJECTS, STB (Roberts)** - House Bill 1117 authorizes $1,055,000 in Severance Tax Bonds to Eastern New Mexico University for capital improvements on the ENMU campus in Roosevelt County. The projects funded by this bill are (1) $100,000 to re-roof the student health services and post office of Lea Hall, (2) $65,000 to repair and modernize the College of Business' heating and cooling system, (3) $30,000 to repair concrete on the Student Union Student Event Mall, (4) $750,000 for an emergency renovation of the heating and cooling system of DeBaca Hall, (5) $35,000 to begin to replace campus vehicles with club carts, and (6) $75,000 to convert the ROTC Building

into an academic facility and mitigate the firing range lead pollution. *Duplicate of SB 685, ENMU Capital Projects, STB (Ingle). Related to HB 685, Colleges & Universities Projects, STB (Sanchez).*

HB 1169a **UNM ARTS OF THE AMERICAS INSTITUTE (Picraux)** - House Bill 1169, as amended, appropriates $200,000 to the University of New Mexico to establish the Arts of the Americas Institute in the College of Fine Arts. The proposed institute would facilitate inter-disciplinary collaboration in teaching, research, and creative activities related to promoting further understanding of the many different arts of the Americas. The House Education Committee amendment makes the appropriation non-recurring. *Related to SB 1117, UNM Special Projects (Altamirano).*

HB 1206 **PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT (Nicely)** - House Bill 1206 enacts the public employees Retirement Annuity Act, creates the Public Employees Retirement Savings Act, and provides retirement benefits for certain public employees employed on and after July 1, 1998. Generally, state employees hired before July 1, 1998 would continue to receive retirement benefits currently offered by PERA and employees hired after that date would have reduced/different retirement benefits.

HB 1237 **UNM LAW LIBRARY (Sanchez)** - House Bill 1237 appropriates $200,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for School of Law Library resources. *Related to HB 2, General Appropriation Act of 1997 (Coll).* ***Passed House.***

HB 1265 **NMSU INDIAN STUDENT RETENTION (Madalena)** - House Bill 1265 appropriates $100,000 to the Regents of New Mexico State University for the purpose of establishing a Native American Student Retention Project. The project is to be comprised of components in counseling, tutoring, assessment, expansion of orientation programs, mentoring, and general education support.

HB 1285 **TEACHING OF GEOGRAPHY (Miera)** - *Duplicate of HB 920, Teaching of Geography (Stewart). See above.*

HB 1288 **INVESTMENT IN UNIVERSITY EXCELLENCE ACT (Sanchez)** - House Bill 1288 would create the "Investment in University Excellence Fund" in the state treasury for the purpose of encouraging the investment of private funds in New Mexico higher education by providing state matching funds to attract private funds. To carry out the provisions of the act, the six four-year universities are authorized to establish endowed faculty chairs, professorships, lectureships and graduate fellowships. The CHE is to administer the fund, with institutions certifying to the Commission that it has received private contributions equal to the amount requested from the fund. This bill would establish the mechanism to create endowments, but the concept would not function until state funds are placed in the fund. ***Passed House.***

HB 1291s **ACADEMIC STANDARDS & RESPONSIBILITIES ACT (Stewart)** - The House Education Committee substitute for House Bill 1291 expands statutory requirements for public school student achievement, enacting the Academic Standards and Responsibilities Act. The State Board of Education and local school districts are required to establish content standards and benchmarks for student learning, plus performance standards for measuring student progress. State and local assessment measures must be evaluated by independent

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test-and-measurements experts every two years for their alignment with standards, reliability, and validity. For local school districts which do not meet state standards, the State Department of Education can form a local oversight committee to intervene with a plan of corrective action and, ultimately, the Superintendent of Public Instruction can take direct control of the school district. The bill also prohibits social promotion of students, by requiring that promotion be based upon meeting grade-level standards. Parents would no longer be able to override a school decision that their child be held in grade. ***Failed House.***

HB 1302 **HIGHER ED INTERNET SYSTEM, STB (Porter)** - House Bill 1302 authorizes $750,000 in Severance Tax Bonds to the NM Commission on Higher Education for upgrading the higher education Internet system, including widening the bandwidth of the system. *Related to HB 940, Extended Learning Projects, STB (Picraux) and SB 1179, Higher Ed Info Network (Macias).*

HB 1306 **UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PARKS (Beam)** - House Bill 1306 expands the scope of the University Research Park Act (Article 21-28 NMSA 1978) to include utility facilities and health care facilities. *Related to HB 544, Amend University Research Park Act (Sandel).* ***Passed House.***

HB 1326 **BRANCH COLLEGES TAXING & BONDING (Coll)** - House Bill 1326 would eliminate the taxing authority of branch community colleges, both for operations and capital outlay, and eliminates branch community colleges from the definition of "college" in the College District Tax Act.

HB 1330a **HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA IN COLLEGE (Coll)** - As amended by the House Education Committee and the House Appropriations and Finance Committee, House Bill 1330 appropriates $100,000 to the State Department of Education for a pilot program that "permits students to complete their high school diploma requirements while preparing for an associate of arts college degree through the Santa Fe public schools." The appropriation is specified as nonrecurring and contingent upon an equal match from private sources. At the end of the project, report is to be made to the CHE, SDE, LFC, and LESC. ***Passed House.***

HB 1331 **BUDGET ADJUSTMENT PROCEDURES (Coll)** - House Bill 1331, regarding state agency budget adjustment requests (BAR), repeals Sections 6-3-23 and 6-3-24 NMSA 1978, creates additional provisions, and amends Section 6-3-25. The bill establishes clear definitions for the various types of BARs, creates limitations for transfers, outlines specific provisions for which a BAR can be approved and the review process for BAR approval concurrence by the Legislative Finance Committee.

HB 1349sa **PPHSW/CUATROCENTENNIAL CELEBRATION (Vigil)** - As amended, the House Education Committee substitute for House Bill 1349 would appropriate $100,000 to the University of New Mexico for the purpose of funding a commemoration of the four hundredth anniversary of the founding of New Mexico. ***Passed House.***

HJM 20 **HEALTH CARE BUDGETING GOALS (Picraux)** - House Joint Memorial 20 resolves that the NM Health Policy Commission (HPC) work together with appropriate executive agencies and legislative committees to establish and implement standard measures to achieve state health goals for budgeting and planning purposes, to identify and

standardize electronic reporting requirements on health care for all government agencies and to require tracking and reporting of health care revenue streams. HJM 20 also asks the DFA to work with HPC to encourage/require counties to report on all county revenues and expenditures used for health care services. HPC is to report its findings to the Legislature by October 1, 1997. *Related to HJM 17, Health Professional Study (Marquardt) and HJM 22, Health Data System Task Force (Picraux).* ***Passed House.***

HJM 22 — **HEALTH DATA SYSTEM TASK FORCE (Picraux)** - House Joint Memorial 22 resolves that the NM Health Policy Commission convene a taskforce (membership is listed in the memorial) to propose recommendations to implement, govern and manage a health data system. A final report is to be presented to the Legislature by September 30, 1997. *Related to HJM 17, Health Professional Study (Marquardt) and HJM 20, Health Care Budgeting Goals (Picraux).* ***Passed House.***

HJM 31 — **TEACHER SPANISH PROFICIENCY (JG Taylor)** - House Joint Memorial 31 requests that the Legislative Education Study Committee and the State Department of Education develop a plan and budget for implementing and honoring a state constitutional requirement that public school teachers be proficient in both English and Spanish. The memorial recognizes some uncertainty about how that requirement is to be interpreted. Recommendations are to be submitted to the Legislature by January 1, 1998. ***Passed House.***

HM 12 — **EDUCATIONAL RETIREES, CONGRATS (Gonzales)** - House Memorial 12 requests that the Governor proclaim October 13, 1997 as "Retired Educators Day" in New Mexico in recognition of their dedication and service to the state. *Duplicate of HM 25, Educational Retirees, Congrats (Gonzales).* ***Tabled Indefinitely.***

Senate Bills Introduced, but not Adopted

SB 10 — **UNM GALLUP INSTRUCTIONAL LAB, STB (Howes)** - Senate Bill 10 authorizes the issuance of $1,000,000 in Severance Tax Bonds to the Board of Regents at the University of New Mexico for the instructional laboratory facility of the Gallup Branch of UNM located in McKinley County.

SB 13a — **NURSING DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM (Howes)** - Senate Bill 13, as amended by the Senate Education Committee, appropriates $150,000 to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico to expand a statewide baccalaureate degree completion program in nursing offered via distance education, with on-site locations in Gallup. The amendment specifically adds Sierra County as a designated location to receive this program. *Related to HB 361, UNM Health Sciences Center Projects (Salazar) and HB 2, General Appropriation Act of 1997 (Coll).*

SB 18a — **STATEWIDE EDUCATION PROGRAM (Garcia)** - Senate Bill 18, as amended, would appropriate $250,000 to the State Department of Education for the purpose of establishing a statewide program of math, science and New Mexico heritage, to be administered by Eastern New Mexico University. The amendment specifies that the program is for kindergarten through eighth grade.

SB 47 **RETIREMENT SERVICE CREDIT PURCHASE (Romero)** - Senate Bill 47 would allow members of the Public Employees' Judicial and Magistrate Retirement Associations to enter into an installment contract with their retirement boards to purchase service credit. Purchase of service credit is currently made by lump sum, by year or for the entire amount owed.

SB 48 **ADVANCED-PLACEMENT PROGRAM (Garcia)** - Senate Bill 48 appropriates $250,000 to the Commission on Higher Education to continue and expand the Advanced Placement Program (AP) in New Mexico, specifically, to prepare more high school teachers to offer AP classes and to assist more students with the cost of taking AP exams. Fewer New Mexico high schools currently offer AP courses and fewer students take AP exams than the nationwide averages. ***Incorporated into SB 100s, with a general fund appropriation of $150,000 approved by the Governor .***

SB 59 **NMSU HEALTH FACILITY, STB (Garcia)** - This bill authorizes the issuance of $2.184 million in Severance Tax Bonds to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University to design and construct Phase II of a health and public service facility at the Dona Ana branch of New Mexico State University.

SB 60 **NMSU CAMPUS SECURITY (Garcia)** - Senate Bill 60 appropriates $109,000 to New Mexico State University to hire, train, and support university police officers in order to improve campus security.

SB 73 **UNM GALLUP FACILITIES, STB (Pinto)** - Senate Bill 73 authorizes the issuance of no more than $285,000 in Severance Tax Bonds for appropriation to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for the purpose of renovating facilities for the Gallup Branch of the University of New Mexico.

SB 82 **UNM SERVICE LEARNING CENTER (Robinson)** - Senate Bill 82 would appropriate $75,000 to the University of New Mexico for the purpose of operating the Service Learning Center. UNM created the Service Learning Center in 1996-97 by transferring $50,000 from the Youth Education Recreation Program (Natural High) to the Center. *Related to HB 2, General Appropriation Act of 1997 (Coll).*

SB 83 **UNM HIGH SCHOOL BRIDGE PILOT PROGRAM (Robinson)** - Senate Bill 83 appropriates $150,000 to the University of New Mexico Board of Regents for a high school-university bridge pilot project. Participating high school seniors would participate in a campus work-study program for university or high school credit.

SB 101 **ENMU LEA HALL, STB (Ingle)** - Senate Bill 101 authorizes the issuance of $2,000,000 in Severance Tax Bonds to the Board of Regents of Eastern New Mexico University for the purpose of renovating and designing, constructing and equipping an addition to Lea Hall on the campus of Eastern New Mexico University.

SB 121 **VOC-ED TEACHERS SERVICE CREDIT (Romero)** - Senate Bill 121 amends the Educational Retirement Act to allow purchase of up to two years of service credit for time teaching in a skill or trade in the private sector. The State Board of Education would certify that the time spent in the private sector that the employment is applicable to his/her teaching duties.

SB 126 **NMSU GODDARD HALL, STB (Nava)** - *Duplicate of HB 202, NMSU Goddard Hall, STB (Porter). See above.*

SB 127 **NMHU SOCIAL WORK BUILDING, STB (Campos)** - *Duplicate of HB 398, NMHU Social Work Building, STB (Vigil). See above.*

SB 128 **NMHU SCIENCE BUILDING, STB (Campos)** - *Duplicate of HB 657, NMHU Science Building, STB (Vigil). See above.*

SB 129 **NMHU DOUGLAS SCHOOL, STB (Campos)** - *Duplicate of HB 397, NMHU Douglas School, STB (Vigil). See above.*

SB 166 **PEACE CORPS SERVICE CREDIT (McSorley)** - *Duplicate of HB 41, Peace Corps Service Credit (Stewart). See above.*

SB 184sa **LOTTERY REVENUES FOR SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY (Jennings)** - The Senate Education Committee substitute for Senate Bill 184, as amended, (a) creates the Lottery Tuition Trust Fund, (b) keeps the Fund appropriated to the CHE for allocation to institutions, © keeps the Lottery Public School Capital Outlay Fund, and (d) creates the Lottery Public School Educational Technology Fund. With this substitute bill, lottery tuition scholarships get ten percent more of net lottery transfers and lottery proceeds can be used for educational technology purchases at the public schools. This bill differs from current provisions of law in the following ways: (1) the distribution to public schools would be reduced from 60 percent of net lottery revenue proceeds to 50 percent of net lottery revenue proceeds.; (2) the distribution to public schools would be for educational technology expenditures (15%) and capital outlay expenditures (35%); and (3) the scholarship component would receive 50 percent, instead of the current 40 percent, of net revenue lottery transfers, with 10 percent for a trust fund. The sunset clause for these distributions is changed from July 1999 to July 2007. *Related to HB 8, Lottery Revenue Distribution (Vigil); HB 18, Lottery Revenues Distribution (Silva); HB 189, Lottery Revenue Distribution (JC Taylor); SB 168, Lottery Tuition Fund Distribution (Sanchez;)and SB 483, Lottery Revenue Distribution (Wilson).*

SB 210 **NMIMT JONES HALL, STB (Fidel)** - Senate Bill 210 authorizes the issuance of $2,550,000 in Severance Tax Bonds to renovate and design, construct and equip a new addition to Jones Hall on the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology campus.

SB 233a **WNMU NAFTA INSTITUTE (Altamirano)** - Senate Bill 233, as amended, appropriates $100,000 to the Economic Development Department (rather than Western New Mexico University) to fund the North American Free Trade Agreement Institute on Economic Development.

SB 234 **NMSU SATELLITE FACILITY, STB (Nava)** - Senate Bill 234 authorizes the issuance of $1,600,000 in Severance Tax Bonds to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University for phase two of the Border Area Satellite Facility of the Dona Ana Branch.

SB 235 **SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS (Altamirano)** - Senate Bill 235 appropriates $594,000 to the Commission on Higher Education for the state's Small Business Development Centers.

SB 236 **STATE LANDS MINERAL ASSESSMENT (Altamirano)** - Senate Bill 236 appropriates $50,000 to the Bureau of Mines at New Mexico Tech to make a valid, accurate mineral inventory and assessment of state trust lands.

SB 243 **PERA BOARD MEMBERSHIP (Altamirano)** - Senate Bill 243 amends the Public Employees' Retirement Act to reduce by one each the number of members of state and municipal coverage plans, and to add two members with at least five years' experience in investment or financial management to be appointed by the governor. The bill addresses the appointment of the new members. With the vacancies of the two board members deleted, one new member would be appointed on January 1, 1998, for a one year term, and the second new member would be appointed for a two year beginning January 1, 1998. All PERA Board members are currently elected, with the exception of the State Treasurer and the Secretary of State, who serve by virtue of being elected to their offices.

SB 251 **COLLEGIATE REGISTRATION PLATES (McSorley)** - Senate Bill 251 amends Section 66-3-416 NMSA 1978 which authorizes the issuing of collegiate registration plates. The bill withdraws the authority to issue plates to any higher education institution in New Mexico and authorizes issuance for New Mexico's four year institutions. The bill changes the fee from $35.00 per year to $30.00 per year and a renewal fee of $10.00 to be added each year to the regular motor vehicle registration fees. The bill provides that $10.00 of the initial fee shall be paid to the state treasurer to be credited to the motor vehicle suspense fund and directs the remainder of the fees to the higher education institutions. The bill adds the sale of souvenir sample registration plates by higher education institutions for the amount of $10.00, and directs that all revenues received by higher educational institutions from special collegiate registration plate fees are to go into the alumnae scholarship fund of that institution.

SB 261 **NMSU FARMINGTON AG SCIENCE CENTER (Kysar)** - *Duplicate of HB 237, NMSU Farmington Ag Science Center (Townsend). See above.*

SB 264 **NURSES LOAN DEFAULT PENALTY (Romero)** - Senate Bill 264 is an amendment to the New Mexico Health Professions Student Loan-for-Service Act. The bill increases the penalties for nursing loan recipients that complete their education but do not provide service in a designated health profession shortage area. This recommendation resulted from the HJM 20 and SM 36 interim taskforce on Health Data Systems.

SB 275 **UNM FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTER (Romero)** - Senate Bill 275 would appropriate $200,000 to the University of New Mexico for the purpose of creating a family development center for creative learning. *Related to HB 2, General Appropriation Act of 1997 (Coll).*

SB 279 **SAN JUAN COLLEGE ADDITION, STB (Stockard)** - Senate Bill 279 authorizes the issuance of $730,000 in Severance Tax Bonds for appropriation to the Governing Board of San Juan College for a library and student center addition.

SB 283 **LUNA VO-TECH FACILITY, STB (Campos)** - *Duplicate of HB 35, Luna Vo-Tech Health Facility, STB (Salazar). See above.*

SB 323 **PUBLIC SERVICE LEARNING INITIATIVES (Howes)** - Senate Bill 323 appropriates $60,000 from the general fund to the State Department of Education for the purpose of

coordinating public service learning opportunities and activities in the public schools. The goal is to enable young people to make contributions to their communities by participating in community-based organizations and individual initiatives. SB 323 requires the SDE to collaborate with the NM Commission on Higher Education and the NM Commission for National and Community Service in order to ensure coordination and utilization of the federal Community Services Act of 1974 funds.

SB 327a **INCENTIVE AWARDS (Altamirano)** - Senate Bill 327, as amended, adds to the Government Cost Savings Incentive Award statute a provision allowing for an award to state employees whose investment expertise significantly contributes to increased earnings from the investment of public funds. The bill amends the award statute to require state agencies to establish policies regarding Government Cost Savings or Increased Returns Incentive Awards. As amended by the Senate Public Affairs Committee, contributions must be as a result of "demonstrated exceptional efforts, accomplishments or documented" and the gain to state government must be "significant".

SB 335 **NMSU INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS (Macias)** - Senate Bill 335 would appropriate $167,000 to New Mexico State University for gender equity requirements in intercollegiate athletics. *Related to HB 2, General Appropriation Act of 1997 (Coll).*

SB 339 **UNM GRADUATE STUDIES FUNDING (Aragon)** - Senate Bill 339 would appropriate $500,000 to the University of New Mexico for the purpose of funding research by graduate students.

SB 341 **FOOD & NUTRITION PROGRAMS (Aragon)** - *Duplicate of HB 92, Food & Nutrition Education Programs (JP Taylor). See above. Related to SB 807, Promote Farmers Markets (Altamirano).*

SB 358 **FUSION ENERGY LAB RESEARCH (Rodarte)** - *Duplicate of HB 1077, Fusion Energy Laboratory (Salazar). See above.* ***Do Not Pass-Senate Corporations & Transportation Committee.***

SB 364a **AMEND RETIREE HEALTH CARE ACT (Robinson)** - Senate Bill 364 amends the Retiree Health Care Act allow the Retiree Health Care Board to determine benefit levels based upon retirees' accumulated years of service. It would require active employees of institutions of higher education to become participants in the Retiree Health Care Act. Municipalities that voted to be excluded from the act may become participating employers if they satisfy certain requirements. The bill removes the three percent cap on compounded annual increases in monthly premiums. The bill deletes the language providing no more than ten FTE for the Retiree Health Care Board staff. As amended, "delayed retiree" is defined and they are eligible effective July 1, 1997. Other eligible retirees are effective on or after July 1, 1998. Retirees and active employees of institutions of higher education are currently excluded from participation in the Retiree Health Care Act. ***Passed Senate.***

SB 367 **UNM MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING PROGRAM (McSorley)** - *Duplicate of HB 407, UNM Manufacturing Engineering Program (Picraux). See above.*

SB 380 **UNM GRAD STUDENTS INSURANCE (Robinson)** - Senate Bill 380 would appropriate $250,000 to the University of New Mexico for the purpose of paying one-half of the cost

of health insurance benefits for research and teaching assistants. *Related to HB 2, General Appropriation Act of 1997 (Coll).*

SB 387 **MESA TECHNICAL COLLEGE (Lyons)** - *Duplicate of HB 770, Mesa Technical College (Mallory). See above.*

SB 388 **CLAYTON LIVESTOCK RESEARCH CENTER (Lyons)** - *Duplicate of HB 279, Clayton Livestock Center (Mallory). See above.*

SB 389 **DISASTER SERVICES VOLUNTEER PAYMENT (Jennings)** - Senate Bill 389 provides for up to thirty, eight hour days for public employees serving as disaster relief volunteers. "Public employee" is defined as a regular, non-probationary employee of the state or a political subdivision. The State Personnel Board is required to promulgate criteria by regulation.

SB 403 **NMSU CONFLICT RESOLUTION CENTER (Aragon)** - Senate Bill 403 appropriates $250,000 to New Mexico State University to fund the United States - Mexico Conflict Resolution Center.

SB 410 **T-VI SOUTH VALLEY, STB (Aragon)** - *Duplicate of HB 1111, T-VI South Valley Facility, STB (JG Taylor). See above.*

SB 411 **RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO FORMER SPOUSE (Rawson)** - Senate Bill 411 amends the Public Employees' Retirement Act to allow former spouses to receive a portion of a retiree's pension. The former spouse would be eligible if he/she had received the part of the pension for at least two years from the effective date of the latest retirement of the retiree.

SB 417 **WNMU CAPITAL PROJECTS, STB (Altamirano)** - *Duplicate of HB 152, WNMU Capital Projects, STB (Ryan). See above. Related to HB 872, Community-Based Learner Centers (Picraux) and HB 940, Extended Learning Projects, STB (Picraux).*

SB 418 **COTTON BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION (Kidd)** - Senate Bill 418 appropriates $250,000 to New Mexico State University to contract for services for field surveys and trapping necessary to eradicate the cotton boll weevil throughout the state. *Related to SB 891, Amend Cotton Boll Weevil Act (McSorley) and HB 1232, Amend Cotton Boll Weevil Control Act (McSherry).*

SB 429a **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT ACT (Duran)** - *Duplicate of HB 615, Workforce Development Department Act (Roberts). See above.*

SB 432 **NMHU UTILITIES, STB (Campos)** - Senate Bill 432 appropriates $1,000,000 from the Severance Tax Bond Fund to New Mexico Highlands University for the purpose of performing utilities infrastructure enhancement projects.

SB 445 **NMHU DEFERRED MAINTENANCE, STB (Campos)** - Senate Bill 445 appropriates $1,700,000 from the Severance Tax Bond Fund to New Mexico Highlands University to implement phase one of the Deferred Maintenance Plan.

SB 465 **NMSU VET SCHOOL STUDY (Sanchez)** - Senate Bill 465 appropriates $300,000 to New Mexico State University to conduct a study to determine the operational costs, necessary one-time expenditures, and capital outlay requirements related to the establishment and operation of a school of veterinary medicine at NMSU. *Related to SB 466, NMSU School of Vet Medicine (Sanchez) and SJM 60, NMSU School of Vet Science (Sanchez).*

SB 466 **NMSU SCHOOL OF VET MEDICINE (Sanchez)** - Senate Bill 466 amends Section 21-8-1 NMSA 1978 to change references to the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts to New Mexico State University. It amends Section 21-8-3 NMSA 1978 to include veterinary medicine in NMSU's course of instruction. It also appropriates $300,000,000 from the general fund to NMSU to establish and operate a school of veterinary medicine. *Related to SB 465, NMSU Vet School Study (Sanchez) and SJM 60, NMSU School of Vet Science (Sanchez).*

SB 471 **NMSU HISPANIC YOUTH PROGRAM (Nava)** - Senate Bill 471 appropriates $27,000 to New Mexico State University to support the Hispanic Youth Leadership Development program.

SB 473 **ENMU ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS (Ingle)** - Senate Bill 473 would appropriate $120,000 to Eastern New Mexico University for the purpose of salary augmentations for assistant coaches and additional grant-in-aid funds for both men's and women's athletics. *Related to HB 2, General Appropriation Act of 1997 (Coll).*

SB 474 **ENMU CAPITAL PROJECTS, STB (Ingle)** - Senate Bill 474 authorizes $494,500 in Severance Tax Bonds for appropriation to Eastern New Mexico University for the following capital improvements: (1) $100,000 to construct facilities for the women's softball team; (2) $90,000 to equip the fitness and exercise room; (3) $22,500 for a watering system for three football practice fields; (4) $40,000 to sand and refurbish the Greyhound Arena gym floors; (5) $85,000 to construct the Zia Tennis Facility; (6) $19,000 to equip the laundry room in the football field house; (7) $38,000 for athletic training rehabilitation equipment; (8) $60,000 for a twenty-five passenger minibus; and (9) $40,000 for a Greyhound Arena scoreboard.

SB 478 **ALCALDE AG SCIENCE CENTER (Cisneros)** - *Duplicate of HB 253, Alcalde Ag Science Center Programs (Salazar). See above.*

SB 482 **UNM UNITED STATES-MEXICO LAW INSTITUTE (Davis)** - Senate Bill 482 appropriates $50,000 from the General Fund to the University of New Mexico Board of Regents to fund the United-States-Mexico Law Institute at the UNM School of Law.

SB 483 **LOTTERY REVENUE DISTRIBUTION (Wilson)** - *Duplicate of HB 747, Distribution of Lottery Revenue (Saavedra). See above.*

SB 489 **LOS PASOS PROGRAM (Aragon)** - Senate Bill 489 would appropriate $250,000 to the University of New Mexico for the purpose of expanding the services of the Los Pasos program at the Health Sciences Center. *Related to HB 2, General Appropriation Act of 1997 (Coll).*

SB 502 **SYSTEMIC INITIATIVE PROGRAM (Nava)** - Senate Bill 502 appropriates $500,000 to the University of New Mexico for continued support of the Systemic Initiative in Math and Science Education (SIMSE).

SB 524 **NMHU SATELLITE EQUIPMENT, STB (Campos)** - *Duplicate of HB 564, Schools Satellite Equipment, STB (Vigil). See above. Related to HB 872, Community-Based Learner Centers (Picraux) and HB 940, Extended Learning Projects, STB (Picraux).*

SB 546 **EL RITO EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY, STB (Rodarte)** - Senate Bill 546 authorizes the issuance of no more than $10,000 in Severance Tax Bonds for appropriation to the Board of Regents of Northern New Mexico Community College. The purpose of this authorization is to acquire and install educational technology for the Save the Children Program in the community of El Rito.

SB 550 **NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION PROGRAMS (Nava)** - Senate Bill 550 appropriates $300,000 to the Commission on Higher Education to continue to provide state matching funds for grants from the National Science Foundation that support the Alliance for Minority Participation (AMP) and the Regional Alliance for Science, Engineering, and Mathematics (RASEM). Both programs are currently housed at New Mexico State University; they are aimed at increasing postsecondary participation and success in science-related programs among ethnic minority students and students with disabilities, respectively. *Related to HB 2, General Appropriation Act of 1997 (Coll).*

SB 570 **TUITION WAIVERS FOR FOSTER CARE STUDENTS (Romero)** - Senate Bill 570 will require all public postsecondary institutions in New Mexico to waive the costs of tuition for individuals who, at the age of eighteen, were in foster care. "Foster care" is defined within the bill. The costs associated with this waiver would be absorbed by the general fund as SB 570 requires that the Commission on Higher Education "not take credit" for the cost of tuition waived. ***Passed Senate.***

SB 591a **JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS PREFERENCE (Garcia)** - *Duplicate of HB 846, State Job Training Preference (Abeyta). See above. Related to HB 207, In-Plant Training for Agribusiness (Salazar) and HB 512, Amend Development Training (Sanchez).* ***Passed Senate.***

SB 599 **UNM GALLUP INDIAN SCHOLARSHIPS (Tsosie)** - Senate Bill 599 requests a general fund appropriation of $50,000 for the purpose of providing grants and scholarships to Native American students enrolled in the teacher program at the University of New Mexico's Gallup branch.

SB 608 **GROWTH IMPACTS & ISSUES STUDY (Nava)** - Senate Bill 608 appropriates $100,000 to the University of New Mexico to evaluate and report on growth impacts and issues in six New Mexico communities by the school of architecture and planning. *Related to SB 793, Growth Impact & Issues Study (Nava).*

SB 609 **NM SCHOOL FOR DEAF ROOFS, STB (Nava)** - Senate Bill 609 authorizes $300,000 in Severance Tax Bonds to the Board of Regents of the New Mexico School for the Deaf. The purpose of this appropriation is to reroof buildings at the School in Santa Fe County. *Related to HB 1015, Santa Fe Capital Projects, STB (Coll) and HB 1032, Deaf School Projects, STB (Varela).*

SB 650 **NMSU ATHLETIC FACILITIES, STB (Vernon)** - Senate Bill 650 authorizes the issuance of $1 million in Severance Tax Bonds to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University to make improvements to existing athletic facilities on the NMSU campus.

SB 655 **ENMU ROSWELL CAMPUS, STB (Jennings)** - Senate Bill 655 authorizes $1.6 million in Severance Tax Bonds to the Board of Regents of Eastern New Mexico University. The purpose of this appropriation is to plan, design, construct an addition to, and to remodel and equip the instructional center of the Roswell branch campus of ENMU. *Related to HB 578, ENMU Roswell & NMMI Projects (Knowles).*

SB 663 **UNM CANCER CENTER, STB (McKibben)** - Senate Bill 663 authorizes $3.25 million in Severance Tax Bonds to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico. The proceeds from the sale of bonds are appropriated as follows: (1) $1 million to purchase radiation therapy equipment for the Cancer Research and Treatment Center, (2) $2 million to purchase patient care equipment for the Health Sciences Center, and (3) $250,000 to plan and design a health sciences center education building.

SB 670 **CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES SALARIES (Altamirano)** - Senate Bill 670 appropriates $19,746,600 from the general fund to the Department of Finance and Administration for FY 98 salary increases for classified employee, and to increase the classified system's salary structure by four percent. Those employees who are at a salary level at or above the maximum of their salary range would receive a lump sum payment equal to two percent of the midpoint value of their salary range. Other classified employees would receive a salary increase averaging three and one-half percent of the midpoint value of the employee's salary. *Conflicts with HB 9, Public Employee Salaries (Varela).*

SB 680 **UNM GENETICS RESEARCH CHAIR (Jennings)** - Senate Bill 680 appropriates $250,000 from the general fund to the University of New Mexico to establish a special chair for genetics research.

SB 685 **ENMU CAPITAL PROJECTS, STB (Ingle)** - *Duplicates HB 1117, ENMU Capital Projects, STB (Roberts). See above. Related to HB 685, Colleges & Universities Projects, STB (Sanchez).*

SB 686 **ENMU COMPUTER SYSTEMS (Ingle)** - *Duplicates HB 1114, ENMU Technology Projects (Roberts). See above.*

SB 710 **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD (Wilson)** -*Duplicates HB 898, Workforce Development Board (WC Williams). See above.*

SB 712 **NNMSS LIBRARY AUTOMATION, STB (Rodarte)** - Senate Bill 712 authorizes$113,500 in Severance Tax Bonds to Northern New Mexico Community College to purchase and install a library automation system at the El Rito campus. *Related to HB 872, Community-Based Learner Centers (Picraux) and HB 940, Extended Learning Projects, STB (Picraux).*

SB 717 **SANTA FE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, STB (Maes)** - *Duplicate of HB 1015, Santa Fe Capital Projects, STB (Coll). See above.*

SB 722 **WATERSHED DISTRICT STUDY (Cisneros)** - Senate Bill 722 would appropriate $200,000 to the University of New Mexico for the purpose of conducting a series of public hearings to determine the feasibility of creating a watershed district near the towns of Red River and Questa. The towns must provide a 20 percent private-sector match for the funds.

SB 775 **ENMU ROSWELL CAMPUS, STB (Jennings)** - Senate Bill 775 authorizes $1,557,050 in Severance Tax Bonds to Eastern New Mexico University for capital projects at the Roswell branch campus. These projects include: (1) $750,000 for a two-way interactive video delivery system to six remote sites; (2) $335,000 for a telephone system upgrade; (3) $128,800 for computing upgrades; (4) $75,000 to equip laboratories and provide Internet access; (5) $63,750 for five self-contained multimedia classrooms; (6) $60,000 to upgrade equipment for state-of-the-art drafting curriculum; (7) $57,500 for equipment for language instruction; (8) $42,500 for start-up equipment for a respiratory therapy program; (9) $23,500 for video equipment to produce promotional material; (10) $11,000 for a rescue airbag set; and (11) $10,000 for a microfiche reader and printer.

SB 785 **SOUTHWEST LAW CLINIC OPERATION (Tsosie)** - Senate Bill 785 appropriates $87,500 to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico to operate the Southwest Law Clinic. *Related to HB 2, General Appropriations Act of 1997 (Coll).*

SB 793 **GROWTH IMPACT & ISSUES STUDY (Nava)** - Senate Bill 608 appropriates $100,000 to the University of New Mexico to evaluate and report on growth impacts and issues in six New Mexico communities by the school of architecture and planning. The bill specifies that the evaluation shall investigate different types of growth and their impact, the fiscal impacts of growth, the efficacy and appropriateness of existing laws related to development, problems caused by growth, policies and processes that would lead to improvements. The bill also requires the school of architecture to work with the New Mexico bureau of business and economic research and the UNM institute of public law. *Related to SB 608, Growth Impacts & Issues Study (Nava).*

SB 852 **YOUNG CHILDREN'S HEALTH CENTER (Robinson)** - Senate Bill 852 appropriates $100,000 from the general fund to the University of New Mexico to provide operating funds for the young children's health center.

SB 853 **MATERNITY & INFANT CARE PROGRAM (Robinson)** - Senate Bill 853 appropriates $75,000 to the University of New Mexico to provide operating funds for the maternity and infant care program. The UNM maternity and infant care program currently exists as a federally funded program.

SB 864 **T-VI DISTRICTS TRAFFIC & SECURITY (Robinson)** - Senate Bill 864 authorizes Albuquerque TVI to establish a campus security force, with powers comparable to those currently authorized for the University of New Mexico and New Mexico State University in Section 29-5-1.1 NMSA 1978. *Related to SB 505, Community College Campus Police (Leavell).*

SB 903 **DISTRICT 6 PROJECTS & PROGRAMS (Cisneros)** - Senate Bill 903, Section D, appropriates $189,000 to the University of New Mexico for operating expenses of the Harwood Museum and Northern New Mexico Research Center.

SB 936 **SFCC SERVICES, OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE (Rodriguez)** - Senate Bill 936 appropriates $500,000 in FY 98 from the general fund to the Community College Board of Santa Fe Community College. The purpose of the appropriation is to fund a nonformula adjustment for operation and maintenance, and student services. *Conflicts with HB 2, General Appropriation Act of 1997 (Coll).*

SB 937 **SFCC INSTITUTE OF INTERCULTURAL LEADERSHIP (Rodriguez)** - *Duplicate of HB 1039, Education Reform Planning (Trujillo). See above.*

SB 938 **SFCC CHILD CARE PROGRAM MODEL (Rodriguez)** -*Duplicate of HB 1037, Child Development Program Model (Trujillo). See above.*

SB 944 **T-VI WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER, STB (Vernon)** -*Duplicate of HB 964, T-VI Workforce Development Center, STB (Hobbs). See above.*

SB 987 **DISTRICT 6 PROJECTS, STB (Cisneros)** - *Duplicate of HB 1081, District 42 Capital Projects, STB (Gonzales). Related to HB 940, Extended Learning Projects, STB (Picraux). See above.*

SB 994 **DENTAL HYGIENE EDUCATION CONSORTIUM (Nava)** - *Duplicate of HB 1051, Dental Hygiene Education Consortium (Sandel). See above. Companion to HB 940, Extended Learning Projects, STB (Picraux).*

SB 1013 **NMSU ALAMOGORDO FACILITY, STB (Duran)** - *Duplicate of HB 488, NMSU Alamogordo, STB (Marquardt). See above.*

SB 1052 **CURRY COUNTY PROJECTS, STB (Ingle)** - *Duplicate of HB 650, Clovis Community College, STB (Crook). See above. Related to HB 872, Community-Based Learner Projects (Picraux) and HB 940, Extended Learning Projects, STB (Picraux).*

SB 1060 **HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA IN COLLEGE (Griego)** - *Duplicate of HB 1330, High School Diploma in College (Coll). See above.*

SB 1117 **UNM SPECIAL PROJECTS (Altamirano)** - Senate Bill 1117 appropriates $595,000 to the University of New Mexico for two projects. First, $300,000 is appropriated to recruit academically exceptional graduate students to improve the quality and quantity of research work done at the institution. Second, $295,000 is appropriated to establish the Art of the Americas Institute. *Related to HB 1169, UNM Arts of the Americas Institute (Picraux) and SB 1252s, PPHSW/Stipends for Graduate Assistants (Nava).*

SB 1139 **UNFAIR COMPETITION ACT (Maes)** - Senate Bill 1139 enacts the Unfair Competition Act, which forbids sales and services by government, educational institutions, or non-profit corporations from undercutting sales and services by private for-profit vendors. The NM General Services Department is directed to adopt regulations to implement and monitor government compliance with the act. Post-secondary institutions are expressly prohibited from engaging in commercial activities that can be procured from private business, unless the activity is a required or integral part of an educational program, although on-campus activities such as food service, residence halls, day care, recreation facilities, and sales of textbooks and *some* other instruction-related materials stores are exempted from that prohibition. When these institutions do bid for commercial activity,

the bids must reflect the full cost of such goods and services comparable to private business, including taxes. Private enterprises may sue to enjoin commercial activities by government or educational institutions or non-profit organizations.

SB 1165a **INCREASE CIGARETTE TAX (McKibben)** - As amended by the Senate Ways & Means Committee, Senate Bill 1165 would increase the state's cigarette tax by four cents per pack, and change the distribution percentages to "hold harmless" all other beneficiaries, including the General Fund, and give the increased revenue to the University of New Mexico Cancer Center and for UNM to establish a special chair for genetics research. ***Passed Senate.***

SB 1176 **UNM INDIAN STUDENT RETENTION (Tsosie)** - Senate Bill 1176 appropriates $250,000 from the General Fund to the New Mexico Office of Indian Affairs for the purpose of establishing a Native American Retention Project at the University of New Mexico. The project includes student identification and recruitment, a summer college preparation program, senior year involvement, orientation, a summer bridge program, and a documentation and evaluation study. This bill specifies the hiring of staff which is to include a graduate assistant and peer mentors. $50,000 of the appropriation is earmarked for Internet access and technological enhancements.

SB 1177 **USE OF IN-PLANT TRAINING FUNDS (Smith)** - Senate Bill 1177 requires that the Industrial Training and Development Program (In Plant) funds be used in counties with high unemployment (defined as 10 percent or more) and directs the Economic Development Department, in coordination with the Department of Labor, to determine those counties that qualify. *Related to HB 207, In-Plant Training for Agribusiness (Salazar); HB 512, Amend Development Training (Sanchez); HB 846, State Job Training Preference (Abeyta); and SB 591, Job Training Programs Preference (Garcia).*

SB 1179 **HIGHER ED INFO NETWORK (Macias)** - Senate Bill 1179 appropriates $585,000 to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University for a high-speed information network for higher education. *Related to HB 940, Extended Learning Projects, STB (Picraux) and HB 1302, Higher Ed Internet System, STB (Porter).*

SB 1200a **EDUCATOR PRACTICES & STANDARDS ACT (Rodriguez)** - As amended by the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Senate Finance Committee, Senate Bill 1200 removes from the State Board of Education the authority and responsibility for licensure of teachers and other school personnel and establishes a new "Educator Practices and Standards Board" for this purpose. The new board is comprised of eleven members appointed by the Governor (from lists of candidates proposed by a variety of educational interest groups), with confirmation by the Senate: nine members are to be licensed educators (subject to further specifications in the bill), one is to be a teacher education faculty member from a state institution accredited by NCATE, and one is to represent the public. The bill also authorizes the State Department of Education to charge annual fees to help support teacher licensure processes. Of interest to teacher preparation programs, the bill retains current statutory course requirements for teacher education. Most of the SJC amendments appear to deal with logistics of implementation, including delay of the effective date until July 1998. The Senate Finance Committee amendment deletes an appropriation from the original bill. *Duplicate of HB 1034, Educator Practices & Standards Act (Trujillo).* ***Passed Senate.***

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SB 1215 **UNM GALLUP INDIAN STUDENT RETENTION (Howes)** - Senate Bill 1215 appropriates $200,000 to the Board of Regents at the University of New Mexico to develop and implement a four-phased program for the retention of Native American students at the Gallup Branch of UNM.

SB 1217 **TECHNOLOGY ENTERPRISE DIVISION (Macias)** - Senate Bill 1217 amends the duties of the Technology Enterprise Division of the Economic Development Department to provide for Centers of Excellence for Research and Technology Transfer and for referral services. It also appropriates $2,000,000 from the general fund to the Technology Enterprise Fund for the purpose of implementing the provisions of Section 9-15-20 NMSA 1978. While the Technology Enterprise Division focuses on economic development, the Division is directed by SB 1217 to build upon the strengths of the state's educational institutions, to maintain contact with research and development offices of the universities, and to develop agreements with universities.

SB 1245 **ASSAULT ON STATE EMPLOYEE (Macias)** - Senate Bill 1245 makes it a criminal offense to commit assault upon a state employee. A state employee is defined as any "officer or employee of the state or any of its branches, agencies departments, boards, instrumentalities or institutions, whether the officer or employee is compensated or uncompensated, but does not include independent contractors."

SB 1252s **PPHSW/STIPENDS FOR GRADUATE ASSISTANTS (Nava)** - Senate Bill 1252s appropriates $744,510 to New Mexico State University to fund stipends for graduate assistants. *Related to SB 1117, UNM Special Projects (Altamirano).*

SB 1267s **PPHSW/TEACHER WRITING PROJECTS (Howes)** - Senate Rules Committee substitute for Senate Bill 1267 appropriates $200,000 to expand teacher writing projects at Eastern New Mexico University, the University of New Mexico, New Mexico State University, and to add a new project in western or northern New Mexico. These writing projects provide professional development for primary and secondary school teachers.

SJM 64 **POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS (Aragon)** - *Duplicate of SJM 65, Two & Four Year Institutions (Aragon), see below.*

SJM 65 **TWO & FOUR YEAR INSTITUTIONS (Aragon)** - Senate Joint Memorial 65 is designed to provide budget guidelines for higher education, accompanying block, or lump-sum, appropriations in HB 2. The Senate Finance Committee version of HB 2 with the block appropriations was not adopted. *Duplicate of SJM 64, Post-Secondary Institutions (Aragon).*

SM 1 **ADOLESCENT SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAM (Romero)** - Senate Memorial 1 recognizes the importance of the Adolescent Social Action Program and urges the University of New Mexico to incorporate the program directly into the University of New Mexico School of Medicine.

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